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THE FIGHTING!
ステップ

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森川ジョージ



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I WILL TEACH YOU!!

TO
KNOW 'LOSS'
WILL ACT AS
A SPRING
MAKING YOU
EVEN MORE
POWERFUL

YOU STILL
DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT'S LIKE
TO LOSE



JUST AS
DATE-SAN
TAUGHT ME



THE FIGHTING!

A DEV-
ASTATING
LIVER BLOW
FROM THE
CHAMPION!

IN JUST
ONE PUNCH,
HE TURNED
EVERYTHING
AROUND!!

THIS IS THE
CHAMPION
MAKUNOUCHI
IPPO! WHAT
FRIGHTENING
DESTRUCTIVE
POWER!!



IT WAS
INCREDIBLE
THAT YOU
COULD FIGHT
THAT MONSTER
FOR THIS LONG

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
NAO,
YOU WERE
BRILLIANT



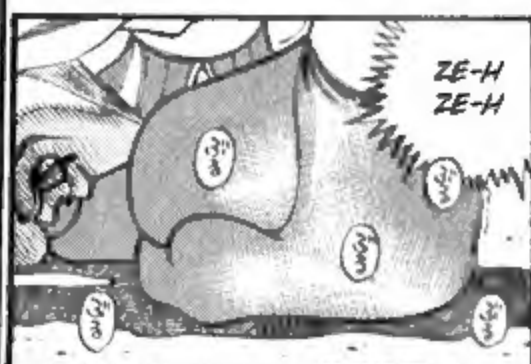
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THAT'S
WHAT
FINISHED
OZUMA,
TOO

I'M SURE
AT LEAST
ONE RIB'S
BEEN
BROKEN



ZE-H
ZE-H



BUT I'LL
THROW THIS
TOWEL!!

I'M SURE
YOU'LL AT LEAST
TRY TO KEEP
THIS MATCH
GOING



NAO...

MOM, YOU
DON'T NEED
TO WORRY
ANYMORE

NO WAY,
NO ONE
COULD
GET UP
AFTER
THAT

HEY... HE'S
GETTING
UP...

IT'S AT
COUNT 5!!

BUT IT'S
YOUR
DREAM

YOU'RE
QUITTING
BOXING?

BUT YOU
DON'T HAVE TO
ANYMORE

EVER SINCE I
STARTED BOXING,
YOU'VE BEEN
WORRIED

BECAUSE I'VE
REACHED MY
FINAL GOAL

I'LL RETIRE
AFTER MY
NEXT FIGHT

YOU MEAN
MAKINOUCHI-
KUN?

BY SENPAI'...

MY MATCH...
WITH SENPAI
WAS DECIDED

I DON'T BELIEVE
THAT I CAN WIN, BUT
I WON'T LET MYSELF
REGRET ANYTHING!!

I STARTED BOXING
FOLLOWING HIM

HE WAS ALWAYS
WHAT I AIMED FOR

BECAUSE THIS

IS MY WORLD TITLE MATCH!!







I WORRIED ABOUT HIM, BUT AS A PARENT I WAS SO PROUD

WHEN HE MET MAKU-NOUCHI-KUN, IT WAS LIKE A SWITCH WAS FLIPPED INSIDE HIM...



EVEN THOUGH HE'S SO STRONG



I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! MAKUNOUCHI-SENPAI USED TO BE PICKED ON, TOO



JUST LIKE SENPAI!



AMAZING, I WONDER IF I CAN DO THAT, TOO



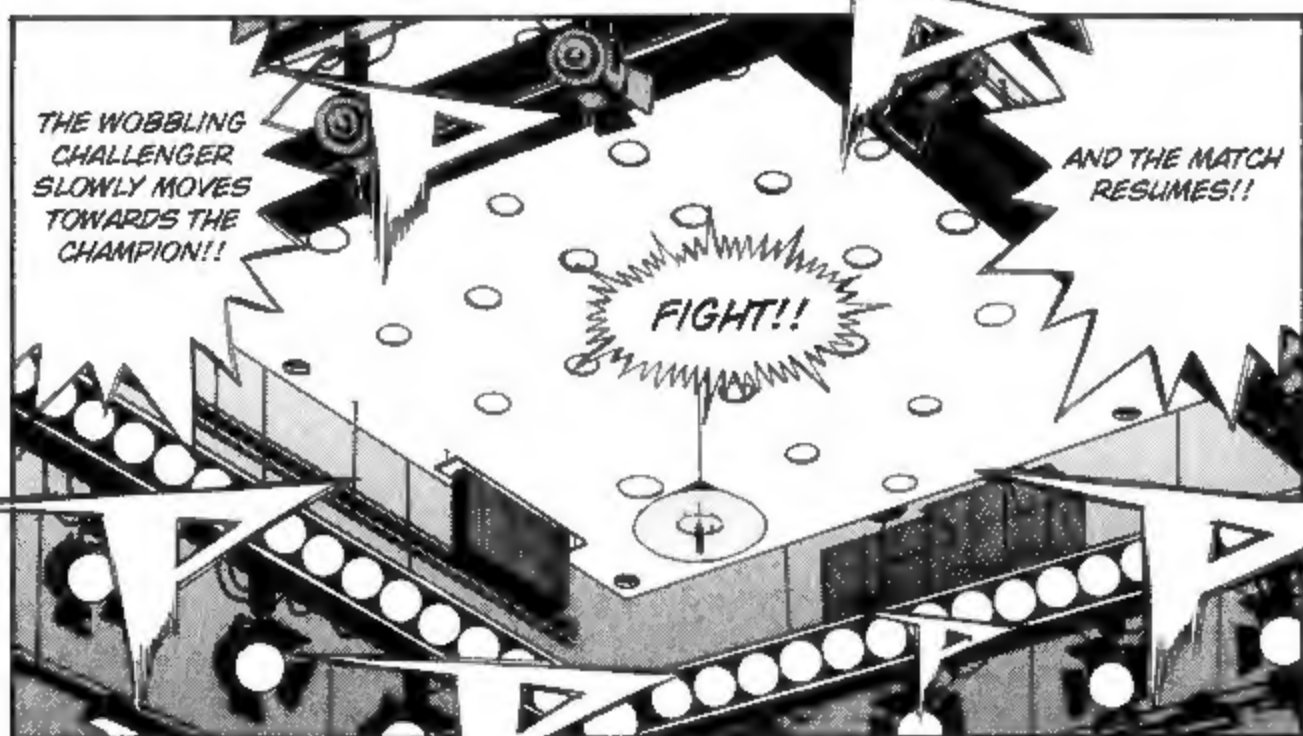
NAO!!

SO DO YOUR BEST UNTIL THE VERY END



THAT MY INCREDIBLE SON IS FIGHTING AN INCREDIBLE MAN

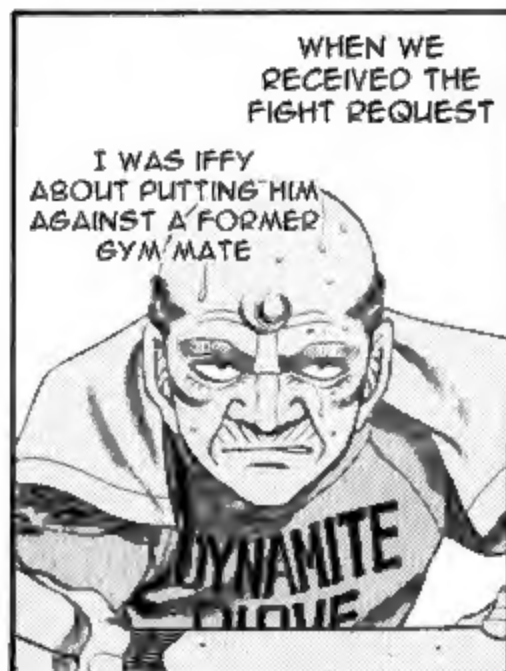
JUST AS YOU BOAST OF MAKU-NOUCHI-KUN, I BOAST OF YOU



THE WOBBLING CHALLENGER SLOWLY MOVES TOWARDS THE CHAMPION!!

AND THE MATCH RESUMES!!

FIGHT!!

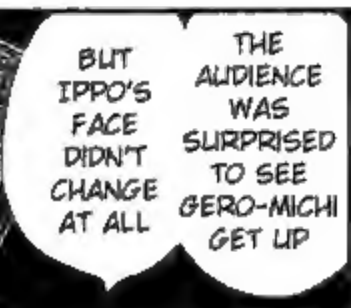


WHEN WE
RECEIVED THE
FIGHT REQUEST

I WAS IFFY
ABOUT PUTTING HIM
AGAINST A FORMER
GYM MATE



IT
WAS LIKE
HE WAS
TOTALLY
EXPECTING
IT



BUT
IPPO'S
FACE
DIDN'T
CHANGE
AT ALL

THE
AUDIENCE
WAS
SURPRISED
TO SEE
GERO-MICHI
GET UP



I RECOGNIZE
THAT YOU'VE

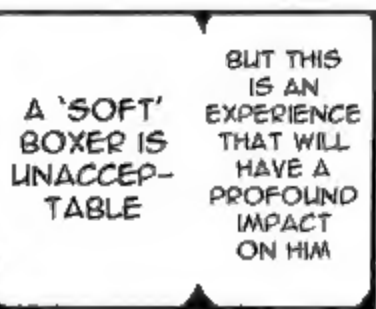
TAKEN OLD MAN
DATE'S PLACE



HE'S
GOING TO
FINISH IT
CALMLY



ESPECIALLY
IF YOU WISH TO
AIM 'HIGHER'!!



A 'SOFT'
BOXER IS
UNACCEP-
TABLE

BUT THIS
IS AN
EXPERIENCE
THAT WILL
HAVE A
PROFOUND
IMPACT
ON HIM

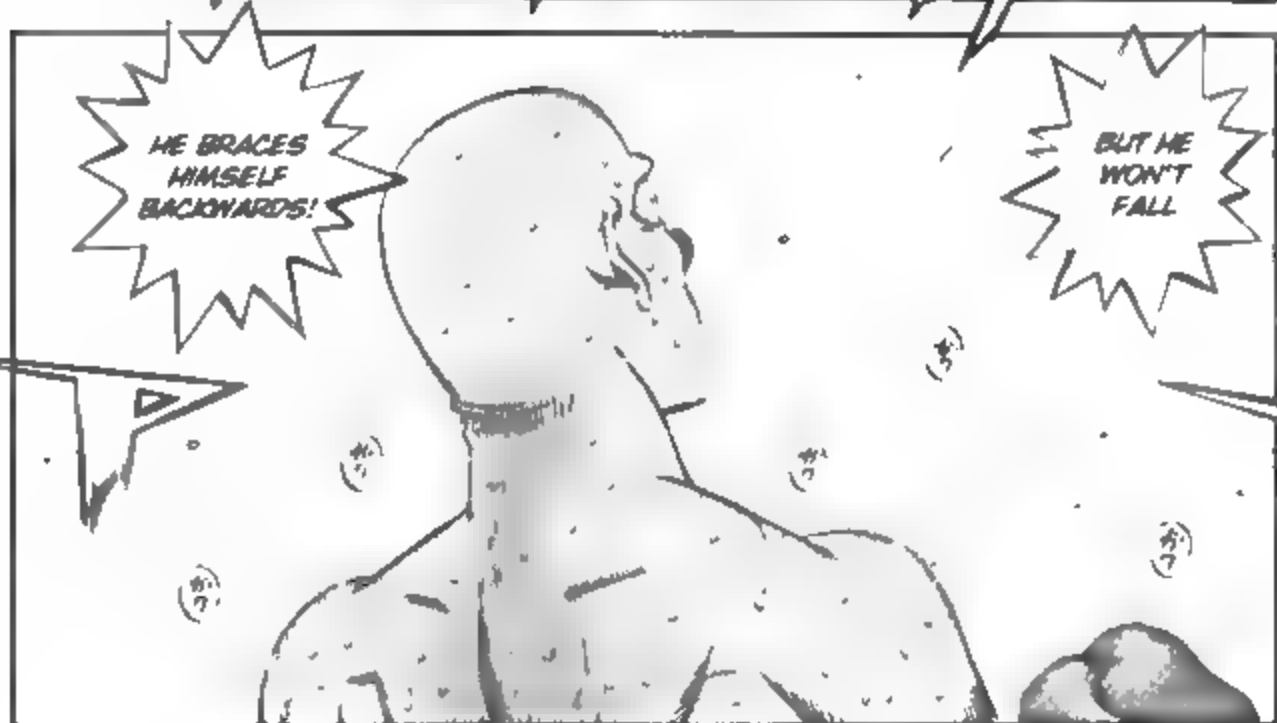
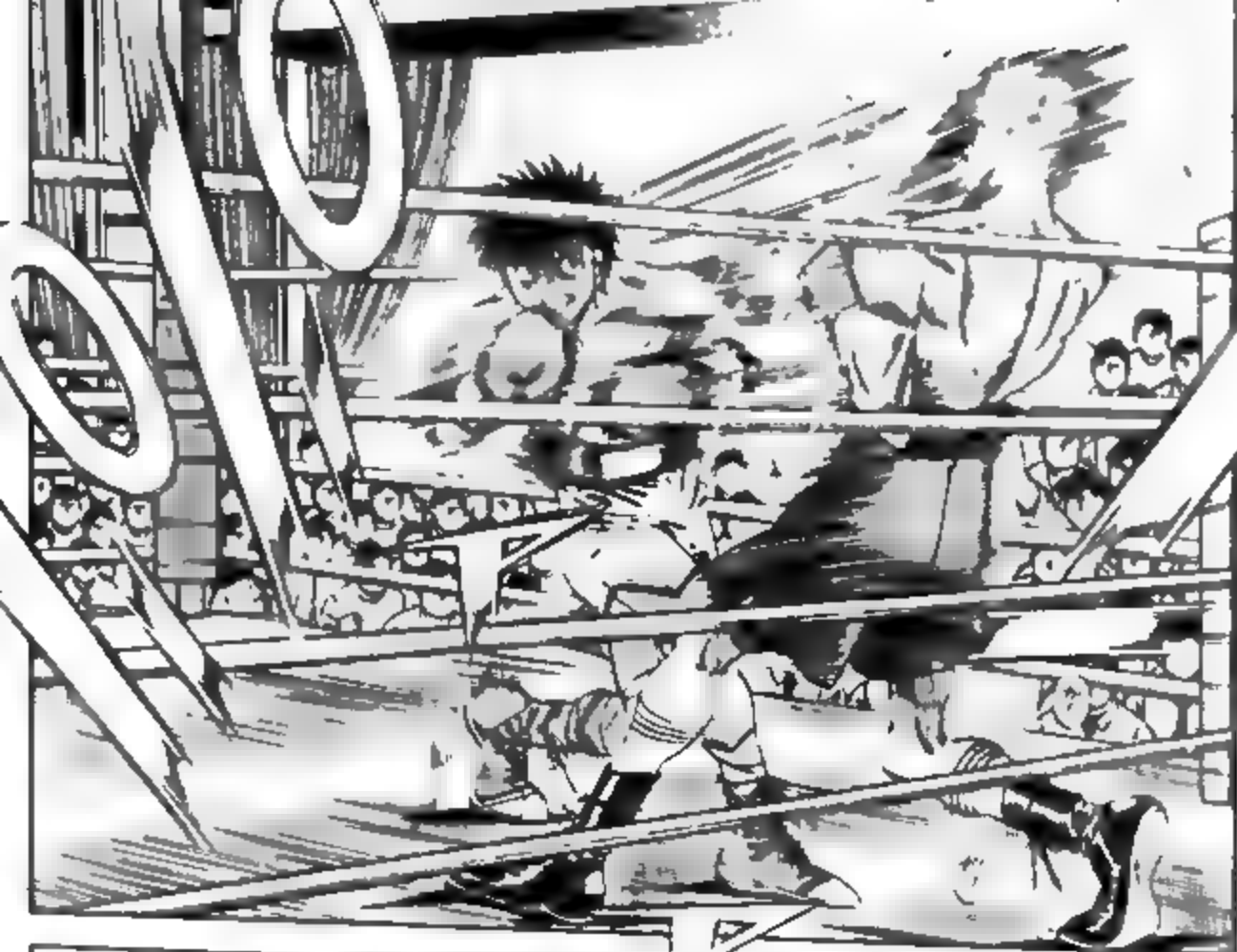


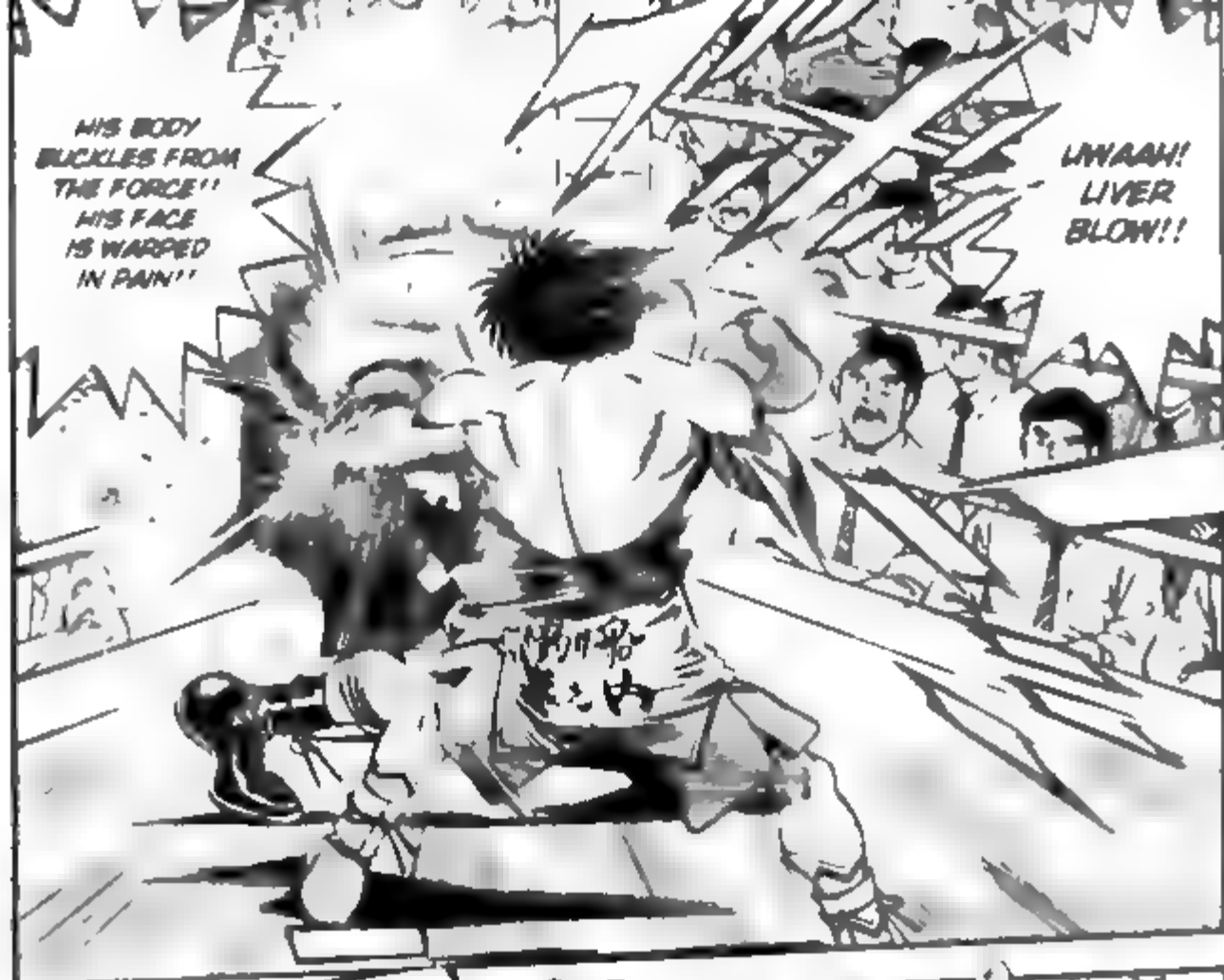
WILL BE
DECIDED
HERE!!

BUT WHETHER
OR NOT IPPO
GOT A GOOD
GRASP ON THE
OLD MAN'S
BATON OR NOT









HIS BODY
BUCKLES FROM
THE FORCE!!
HIS FACE
IS WARPED
IN PAIN!!

UWAH!
LIVER
BLOW!!

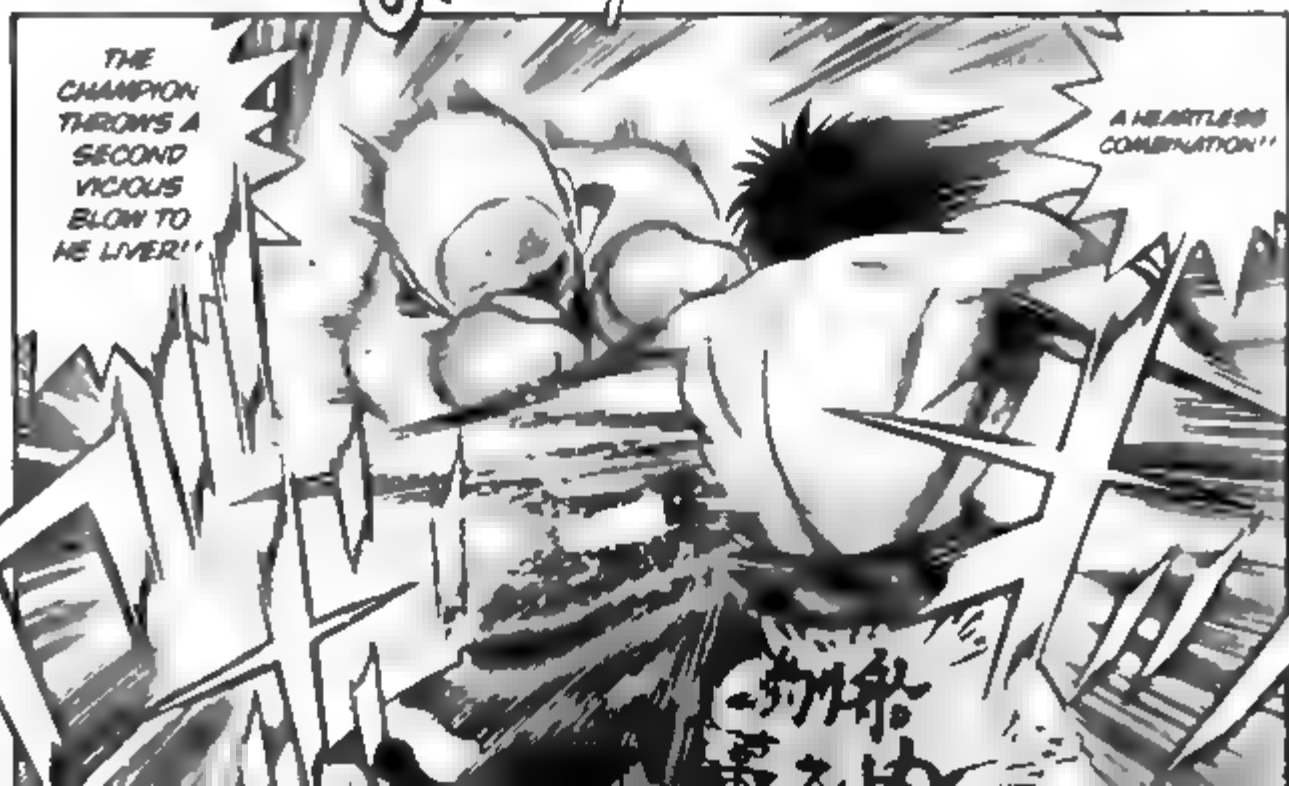


I
ALWAYS

WHAT
COULD BE
HOLDING
THIS
MAN UP?

YET HE
DOES NOT
FALL! WHAT
INCREDIBLE
PERSE-
VERANCE!

SENDA



THE
CHAMPION
THROWS A
SECOND
VICIOUS
BLOW TO
HIS LIVER!!

A HEARTLESS
COMBINATION!!



HE ISN'T
ALLOWED
TO FALL

HE'S MET
WITH AN
UPPERCUT!



AND HE
FALLS

NO



PLEASE
CONTINUE
WINNING

PLEASE
DON'T
LOSE

SE...



I ALWAYS
LOOKED UP
TO YOU

RESPECTED
YOU

SENPAI...



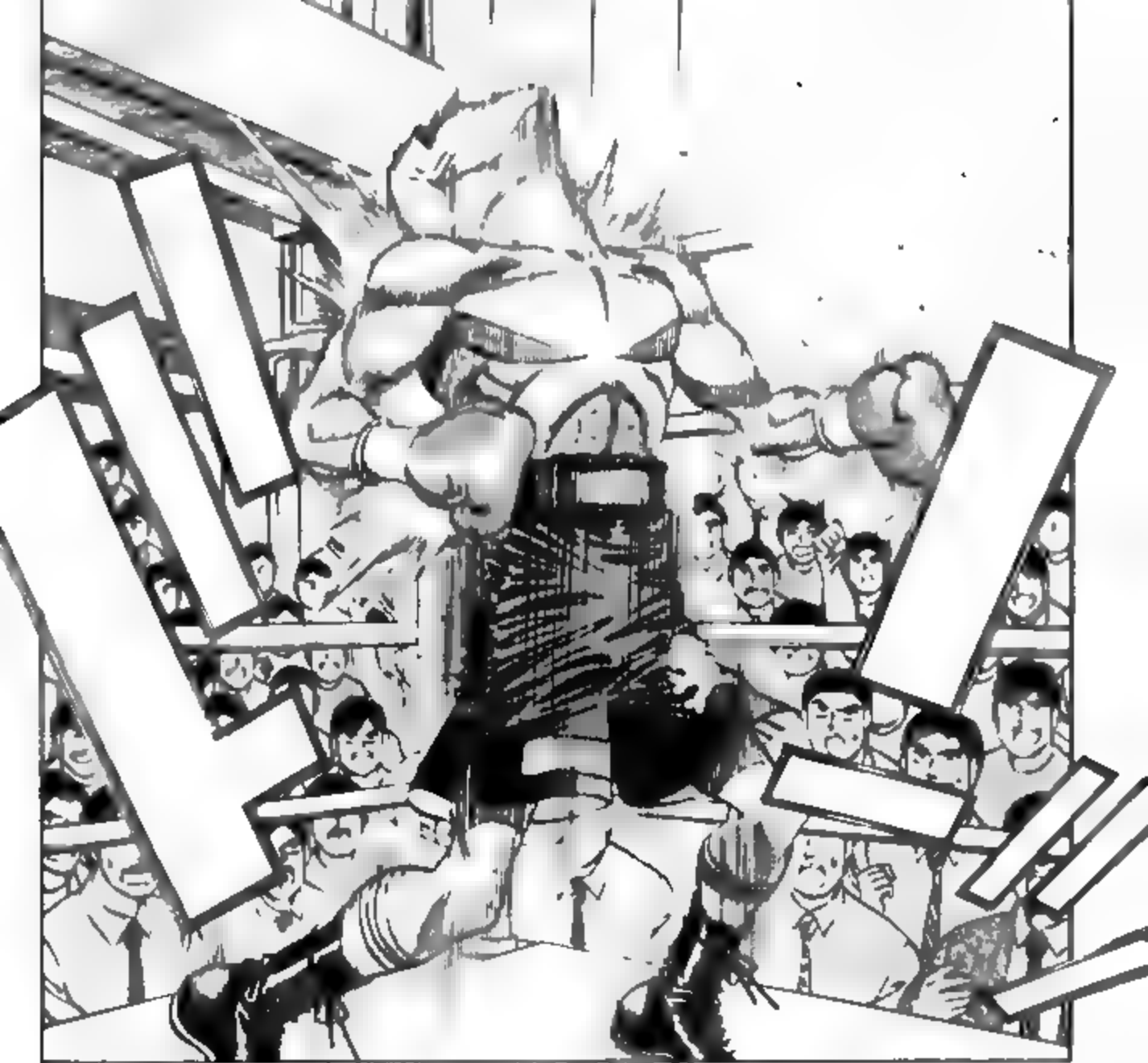
YOU'D BECOME
SO MUCH
STRONGER!

YOU'VE GOTTEN
SO STRONG

BUT IF YOU
KNEW MORE
ABOUT BOXING

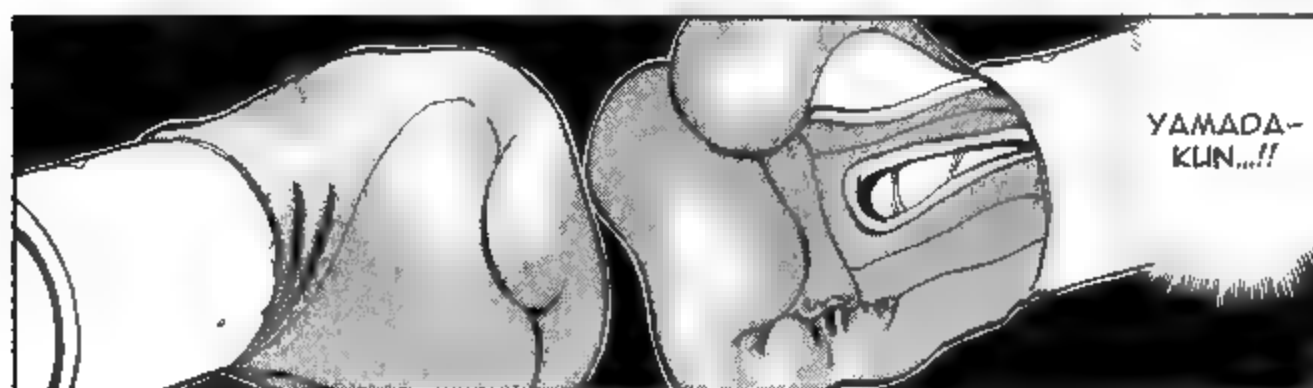
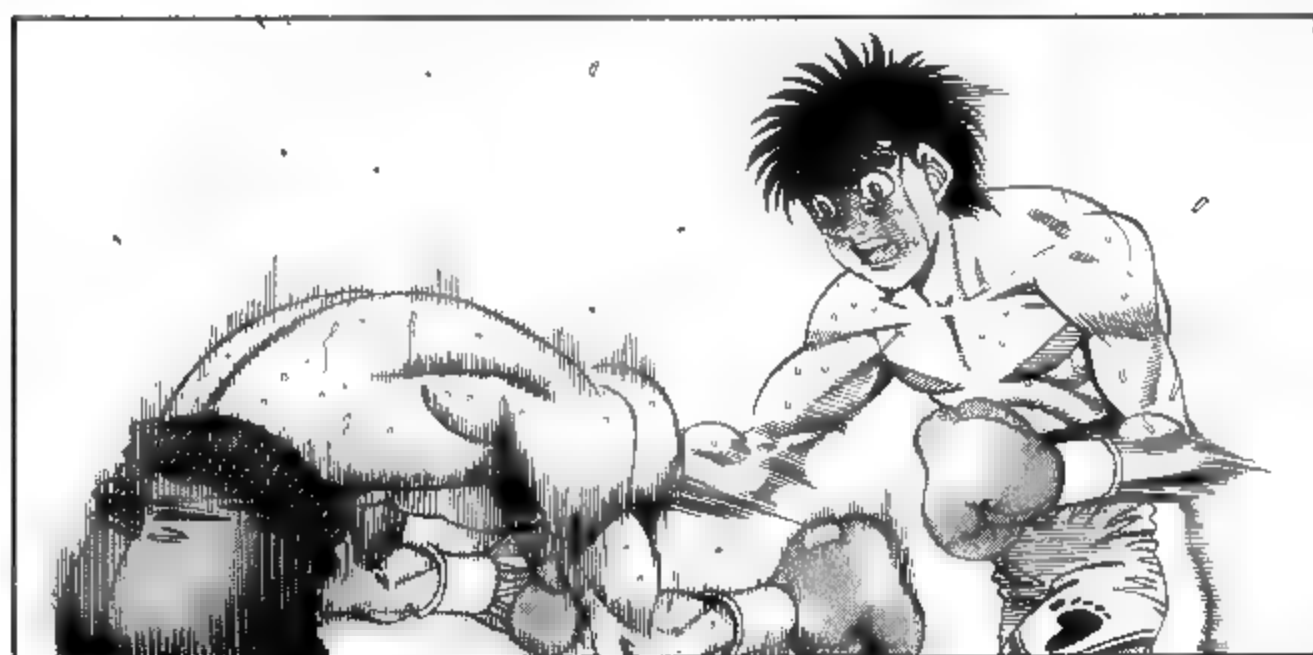
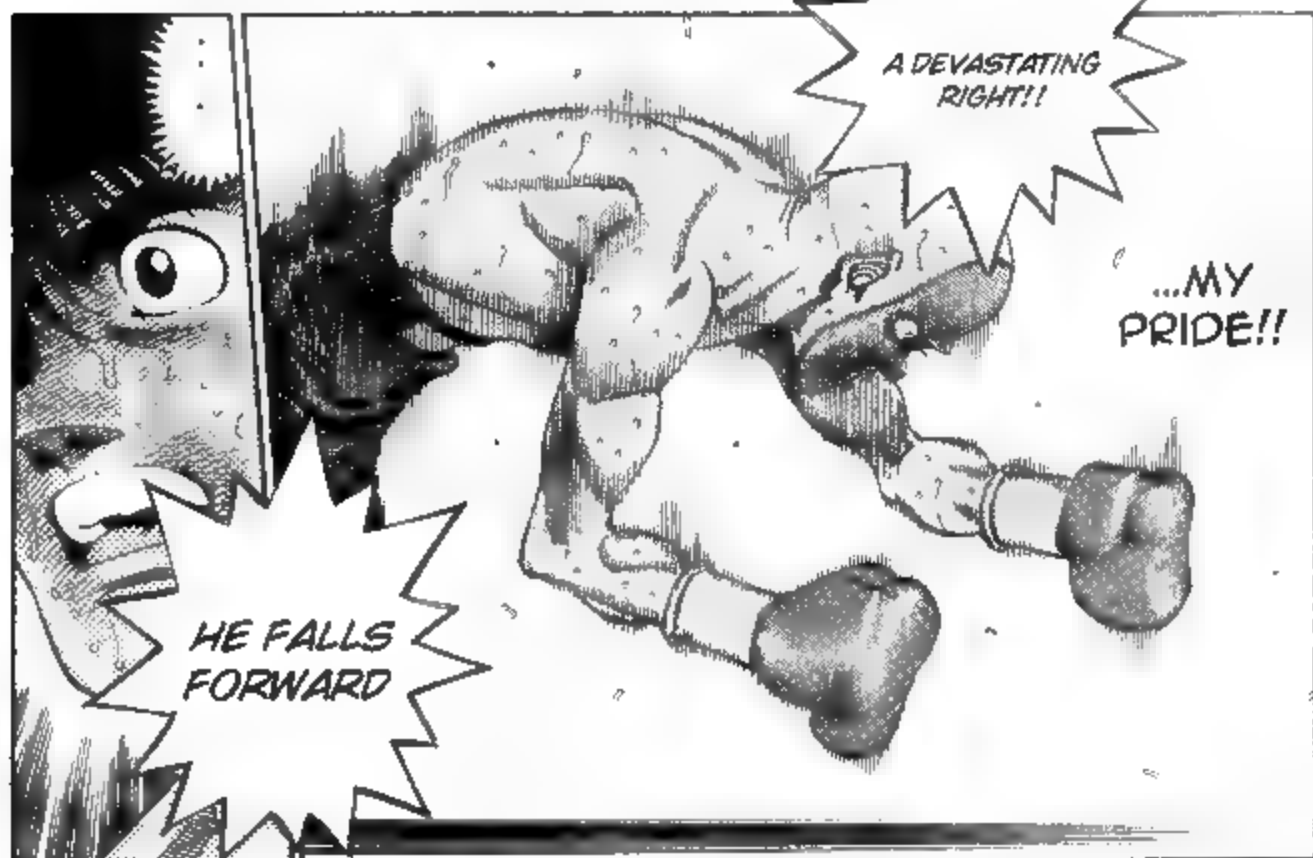
YAMADA-
KUN!!





TO HAVE FOUGHT
AGAINST YOU...
IS..

PLEASE
CONTINUE
WINNING
AND BECOME
THE WORLD
CHAMPION





HE
CATCHES THE
CHALLENGER
BEFORE
HE HITS THE
CANVAS

AAAH! THE
REFEREE
STEPS IN



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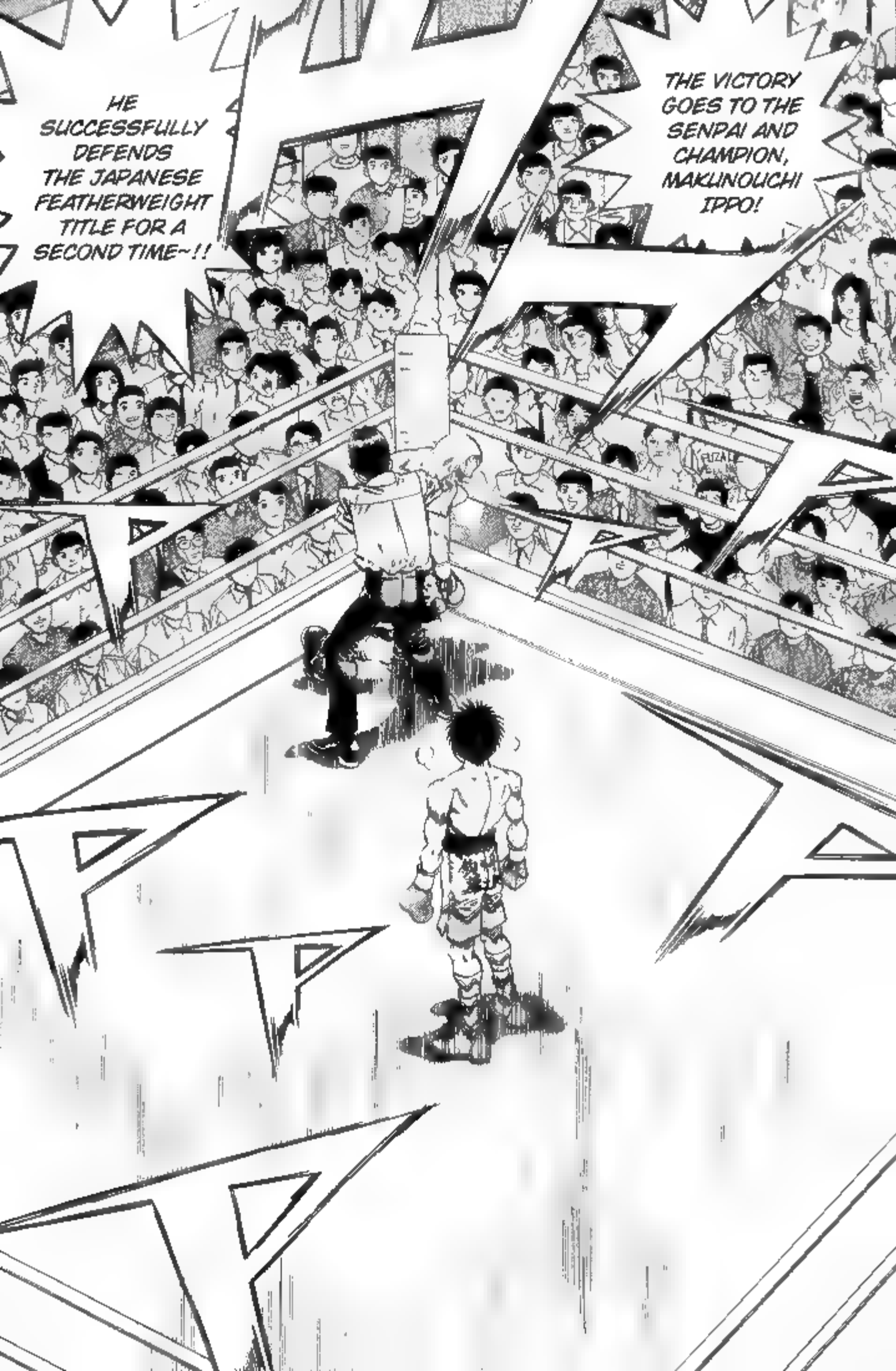
THE
CHALLENGER
HAS REACHED
THE END
OF HIS
STRENGTH-!!

AND HE
SIGNALS
FOR THE END
OF THE
MATCH!

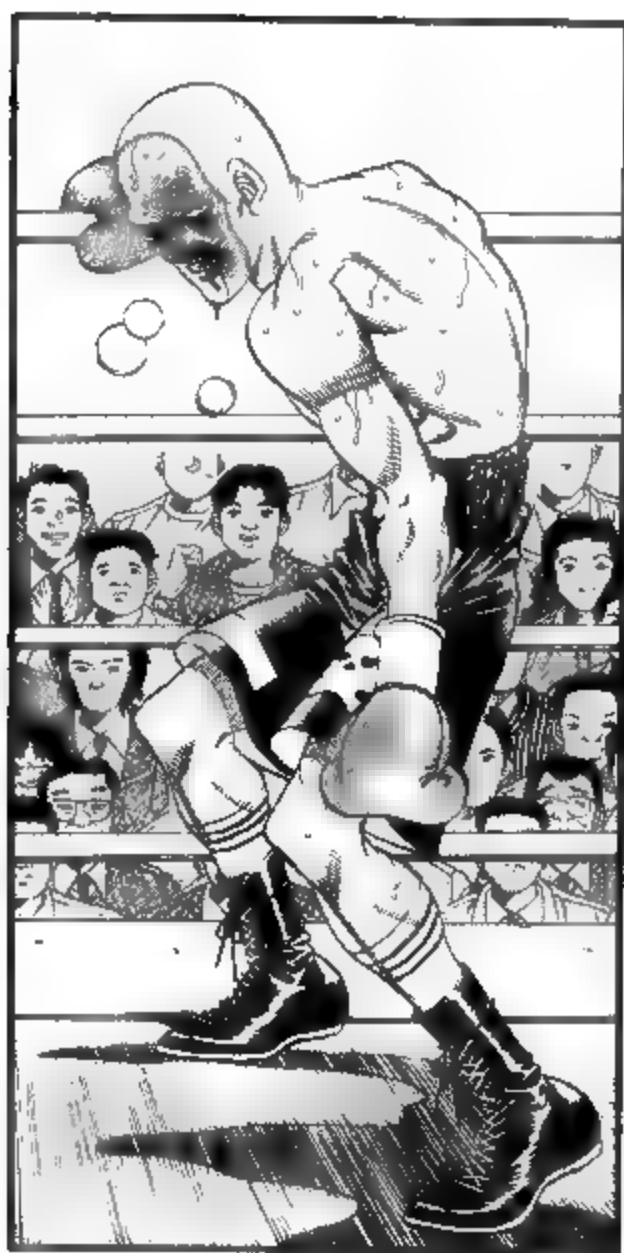


HE
SUCCESSFULLY
DEFENDS
THE JAPANESE
FEATHERWEIGHT
TITLE FOR A
SECOND TIME~!!

THE VICTORY
GOES TO THE
SENPAI AND
CHAMPION,
MAKUNOUCHI
IPPO!



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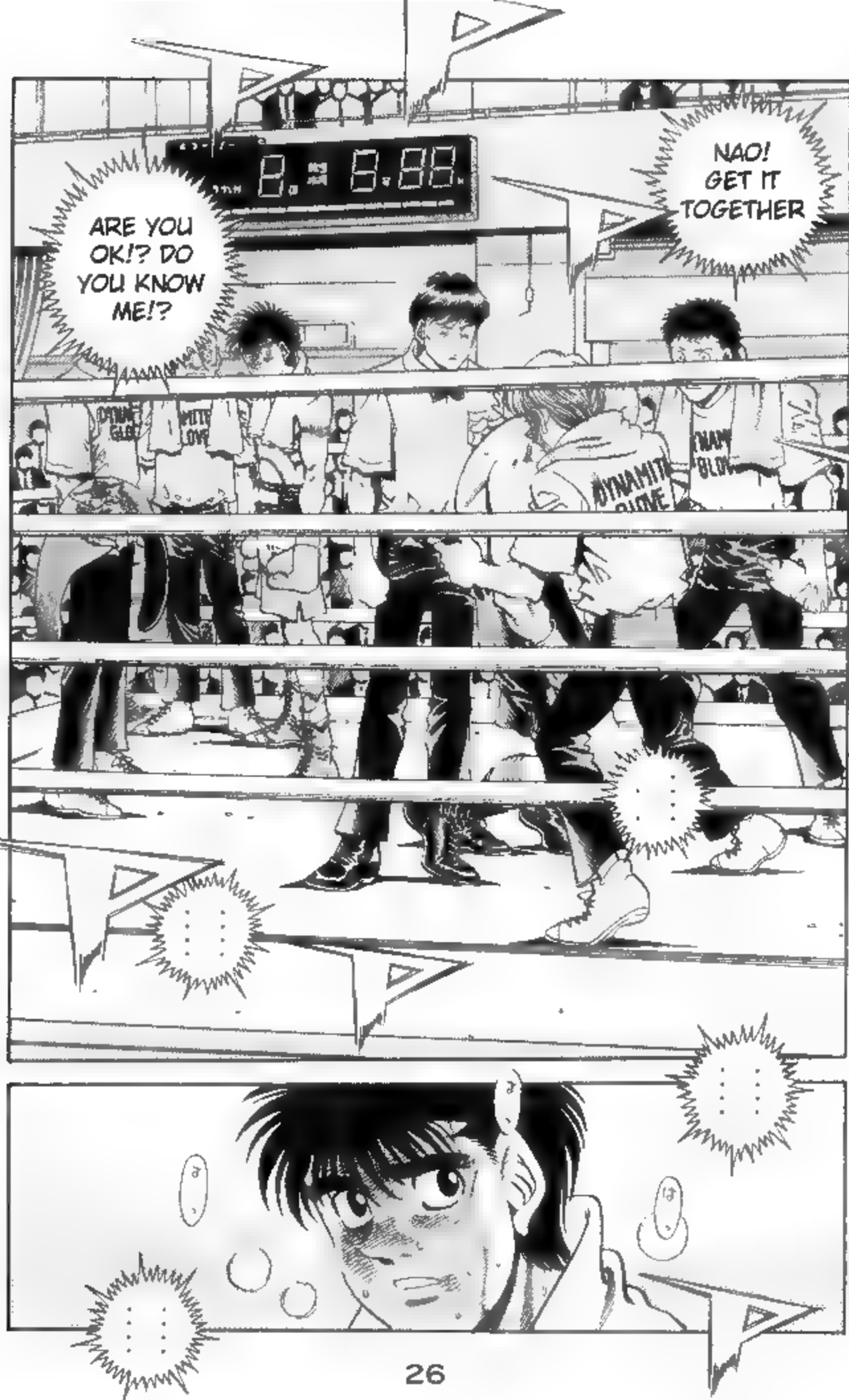
THE DUEL
BETWEEN GYM
MATES HAS COME
TO A CLOSE! AND
THE KOUHAN
COULD NOT
SURPASS HIS
SENPAI!!

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THE FIGHTING!

THE CHAMPION,
MAKINOUCHI
SUCCESSFULLY
DEFENDS HIS
FEATHERWEIGHT
TITLE!!

Round 354 Much Stronger







WITH THE
VICTORIOUS
CHAMPION!!

AND NOW
WE WILL
HAVE THE
WINNER'S
INTERVIEW



WAS IT AS
HARD AS
THE PRESS
SAID IT
WOULD BE?

HOW WAS IT
TO FIGHT A
FORMER
GYM MATE?

I WAS
SCARED
THERE
FOR A
SECOND,
MAKU-
NOUCHI

THERE
WERE TOUGH
TIMES, BUT
ALL IN ALL IT
WAS PRETTY
ONE-SIDED

HE BLEW
HIM
AWAY AT
THE END

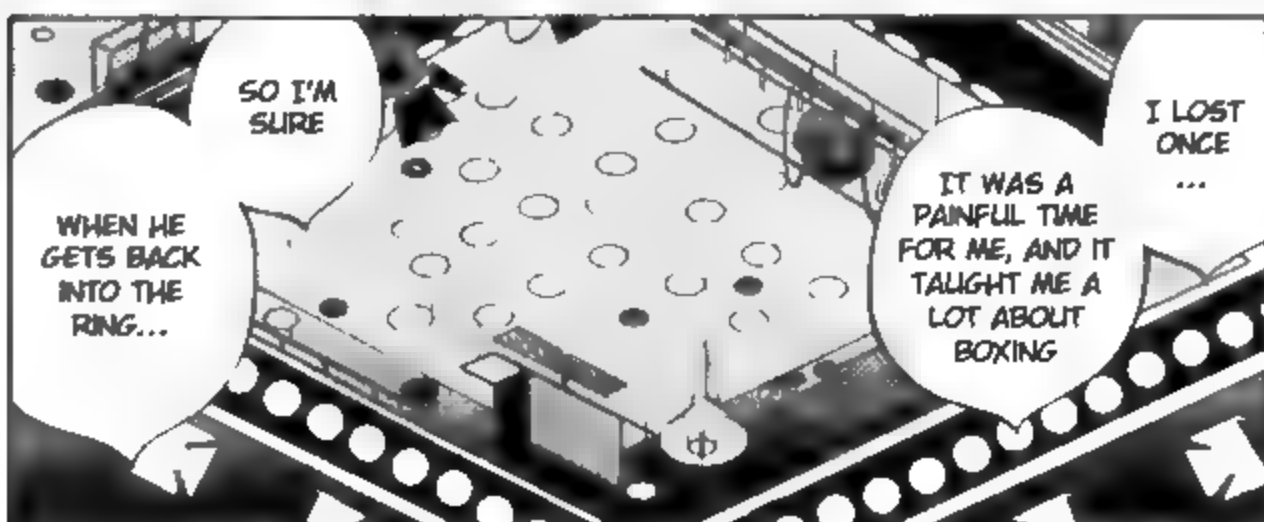
YE-
YEAH

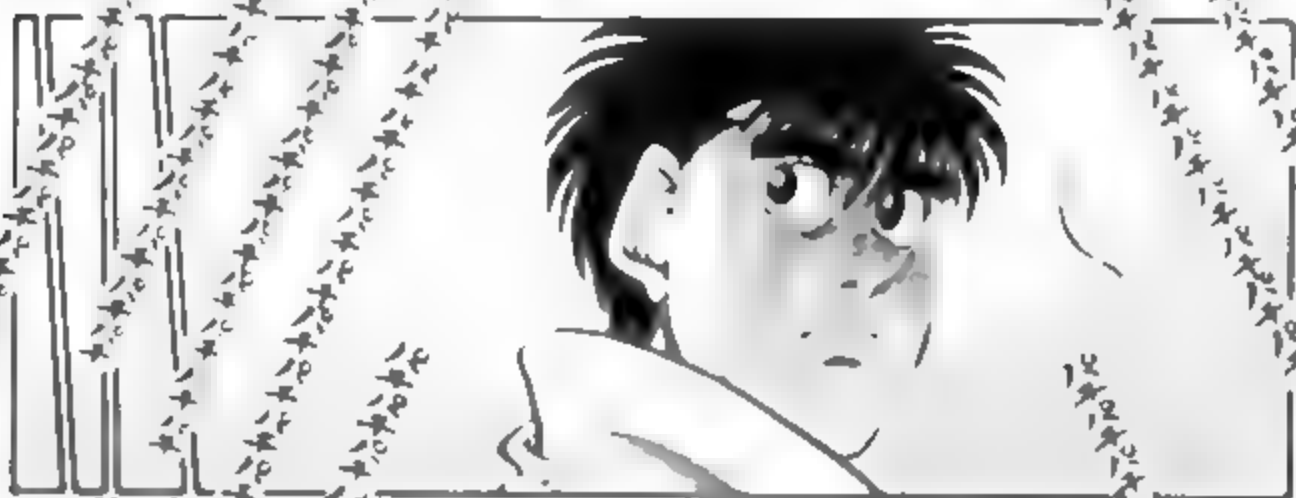
YOU
HAD ME
WORRIED,
BUT THAT
WAS
ANOTHER
GREAT
FIGHT

IT'S
A 2
RND
KO

WHEN
IT'S
ALL
SAID
AND
DONE

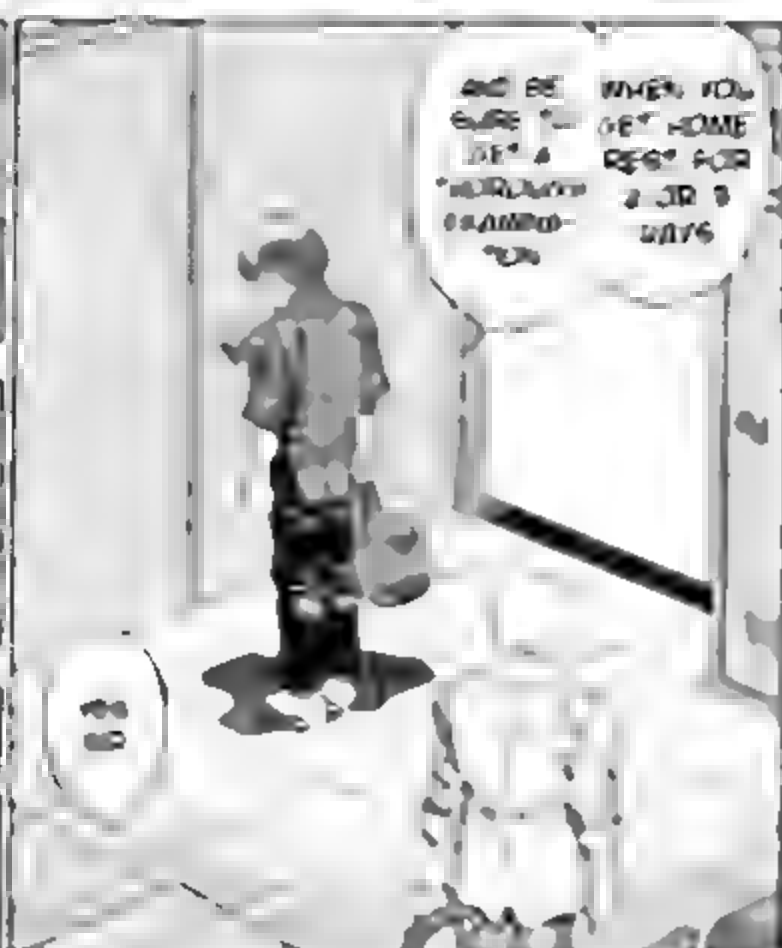
THANKS
FOR
SHOWING
US A GOOD
FIGHT

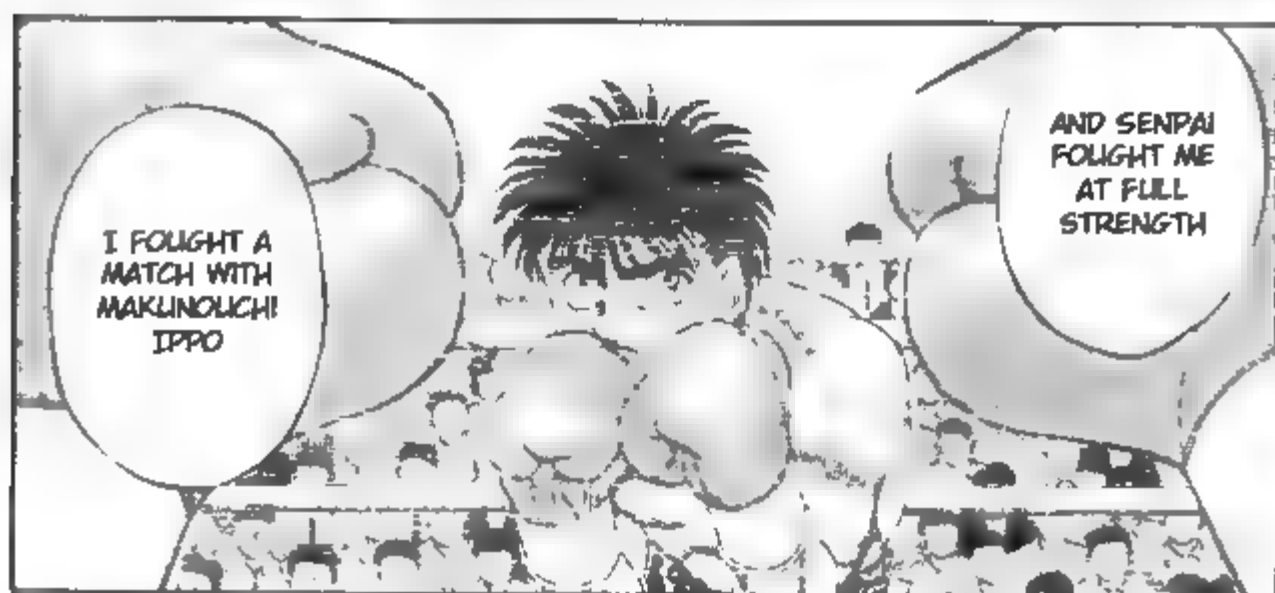




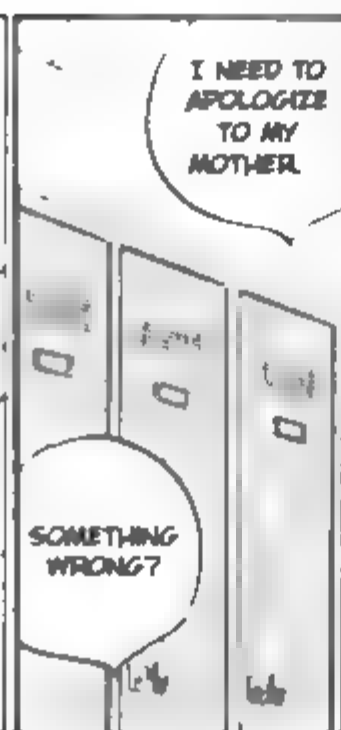




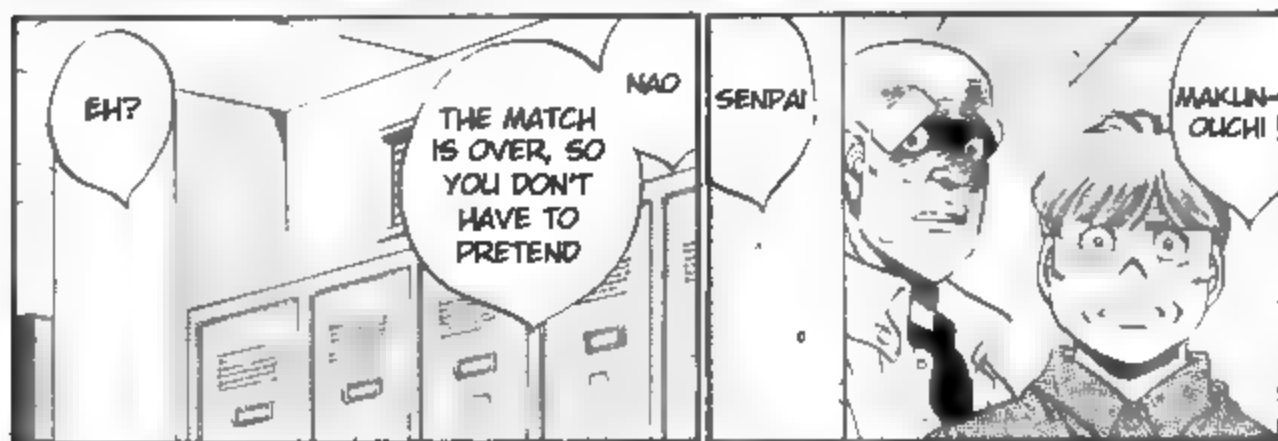


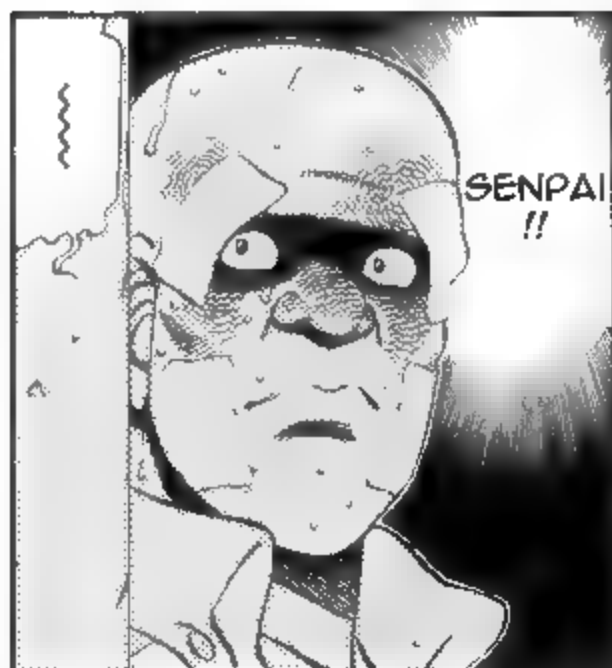








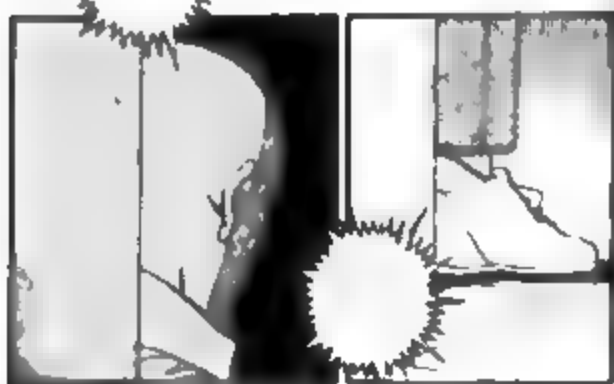






THAT
FINISHING
RIGHT WAS
AWESOME!

YOU DID IT!
I WAS SO
TOUCHED

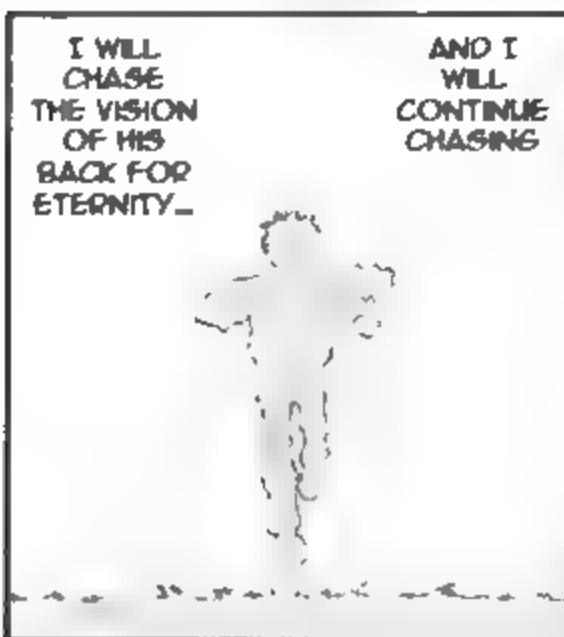


ITAGAKI-
KUN



...
YES

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
DON'T
WANT TO
GO?



I WILL
CHASE
THE VISION
OF HIS
BACK FOR
ETERNITY...

AND I
WILL
CONTINUE
CHASING



WE
TALKED
IN THE
RING...



AND HE'S
TOLD ME
WHAT HE
WANTED TO
SAY

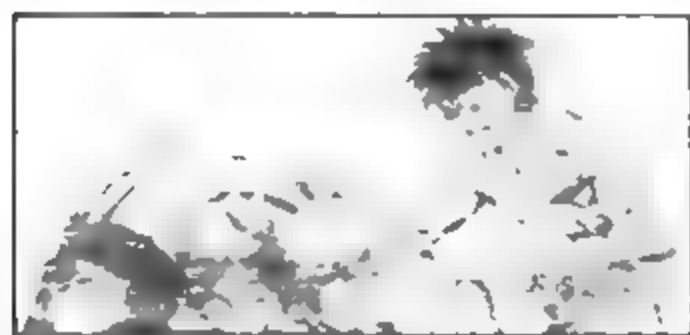
WE'VE
ALREADY
HAD OUR
CONVER-
SATION

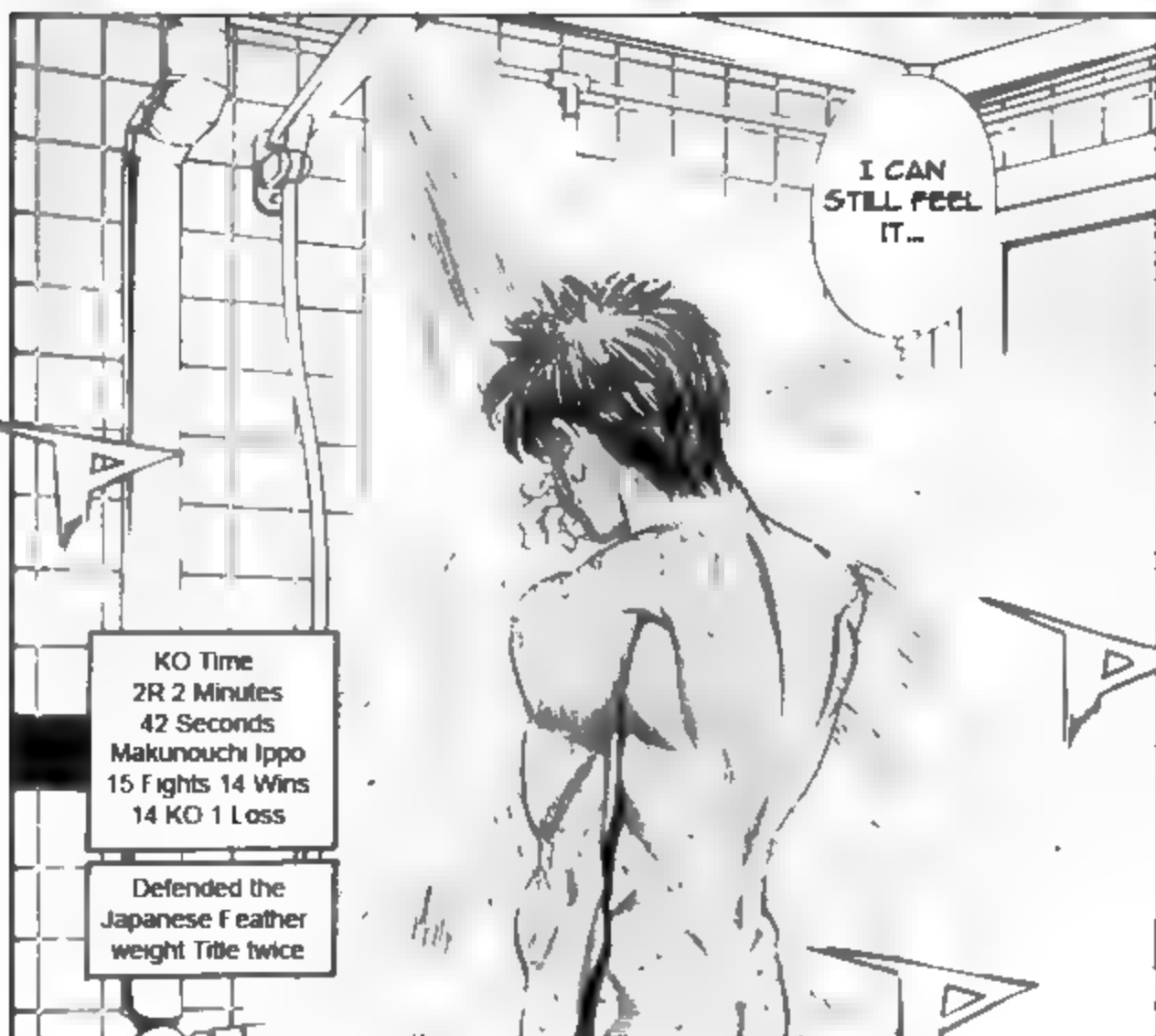
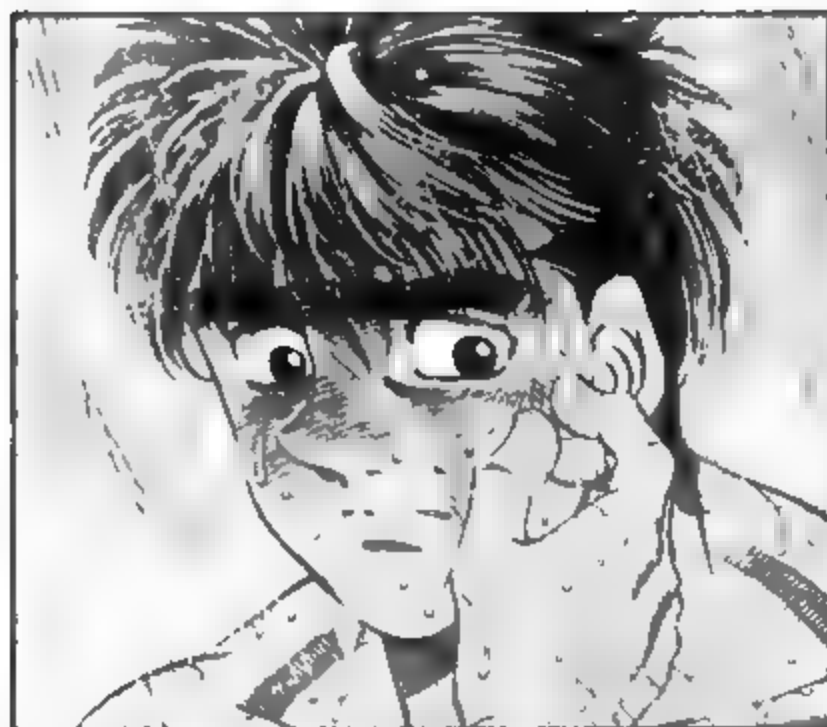
YES



THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH







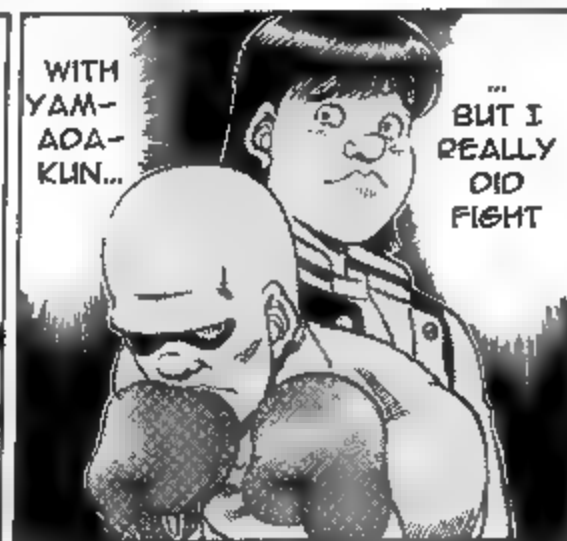
KO Time
2R 2 Minutes
42 Seconds
Makunouchi Ippo
15 Fights 14 Wins
14 KO 1 Loss

Defended the
Japanese Feather
weight Title twice

I CAN
STILL FEEL
IT...

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ラウンド
Round 355

Encounter at the Beach







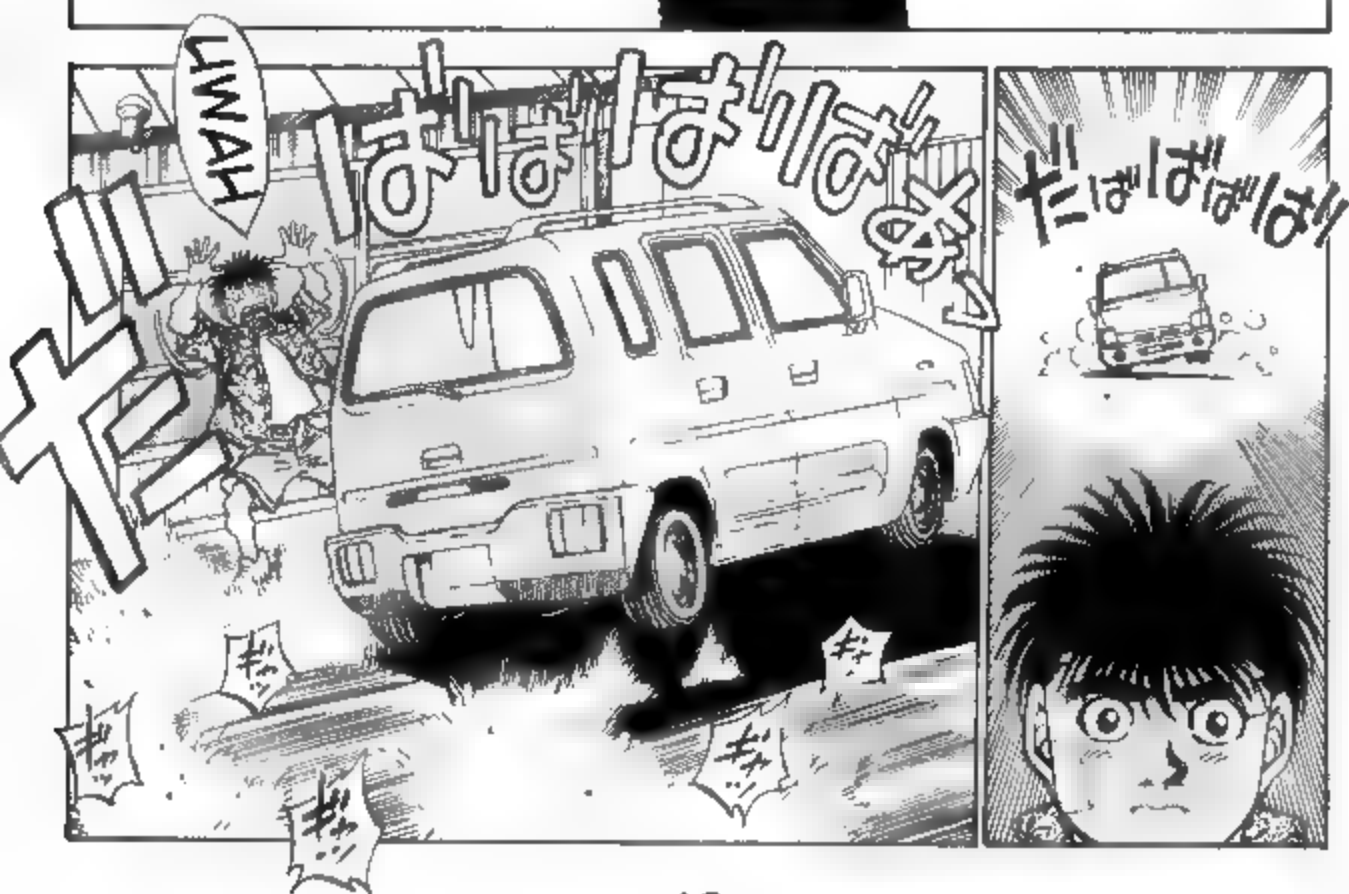
MOM AND
LIMEZAWA-
KUN ARE
OUT ON
THE BOAT



THIS
IS KIND
OF

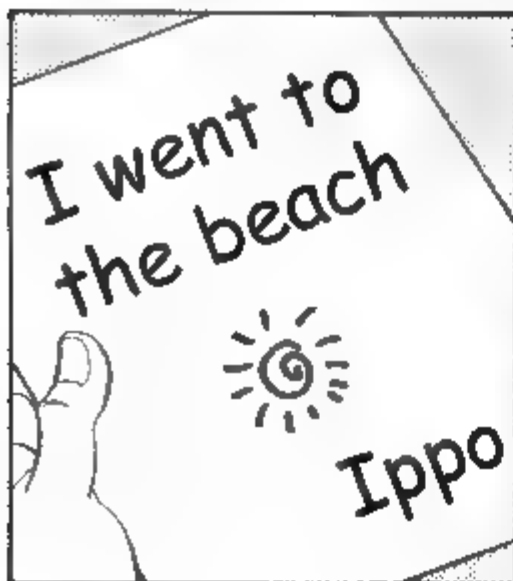


WHEN
THINGS GET
QUIET LIKE
THIS I
START TO
THINK
ABOUT MY
LAST MATCH



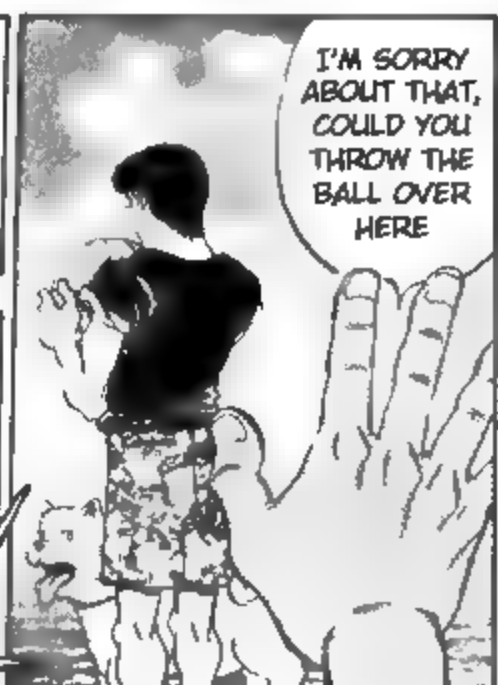
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WAAAAH!
WHAT THE
HELL ARE
THEY DOING
HERE!?

GRAB
HIM

OH,
IPPO,
YOU
GET THE
BALL?
...

AOKI'S
HERE,
TOO



I WISH I
KNEW, I'D
HAVE
BOUGHT
SOME FOR
EVERYONE

OH?
EVERYONE'S
HERE?



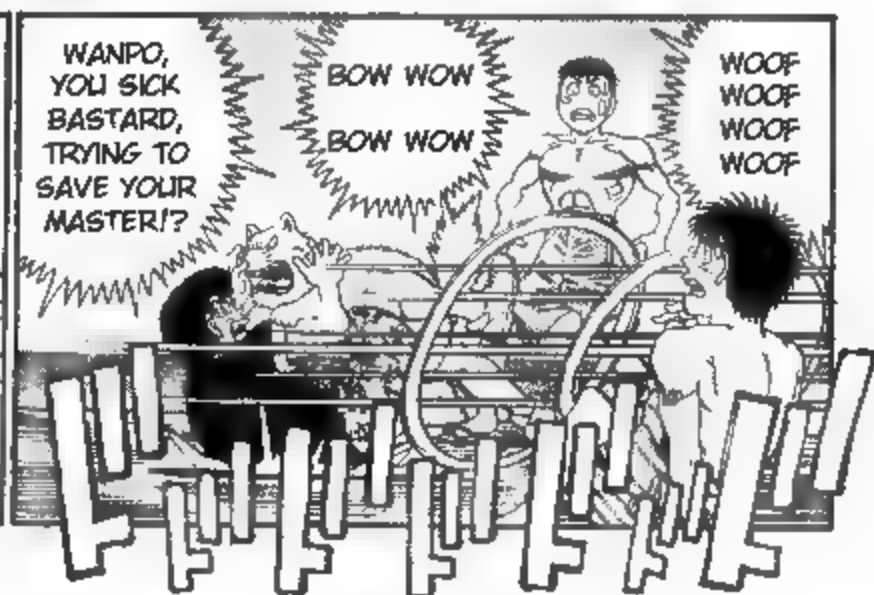
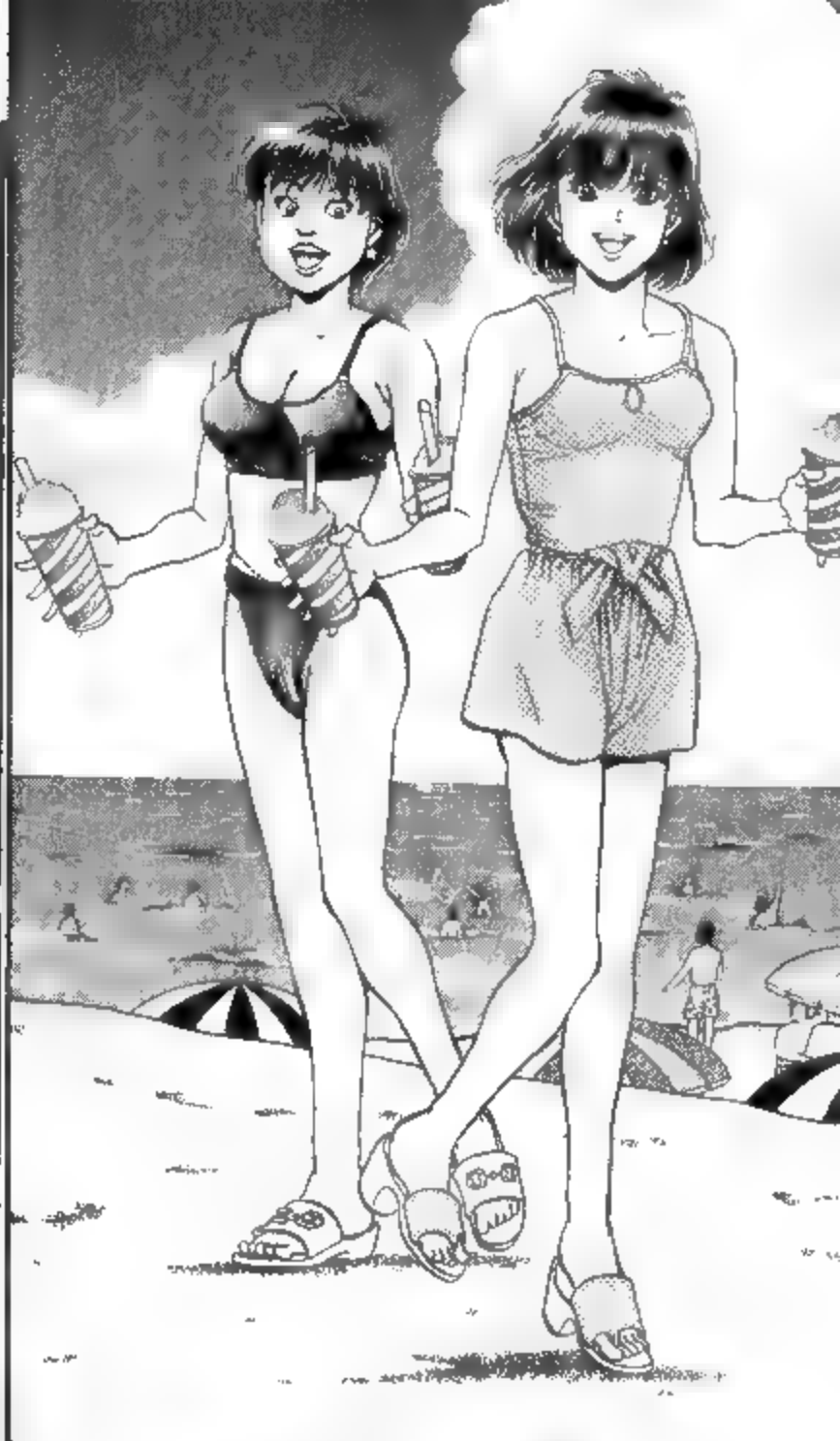
YOU TWO'LL
TELL ME
WHY YOU'RE
HERE RIGHT
NOW

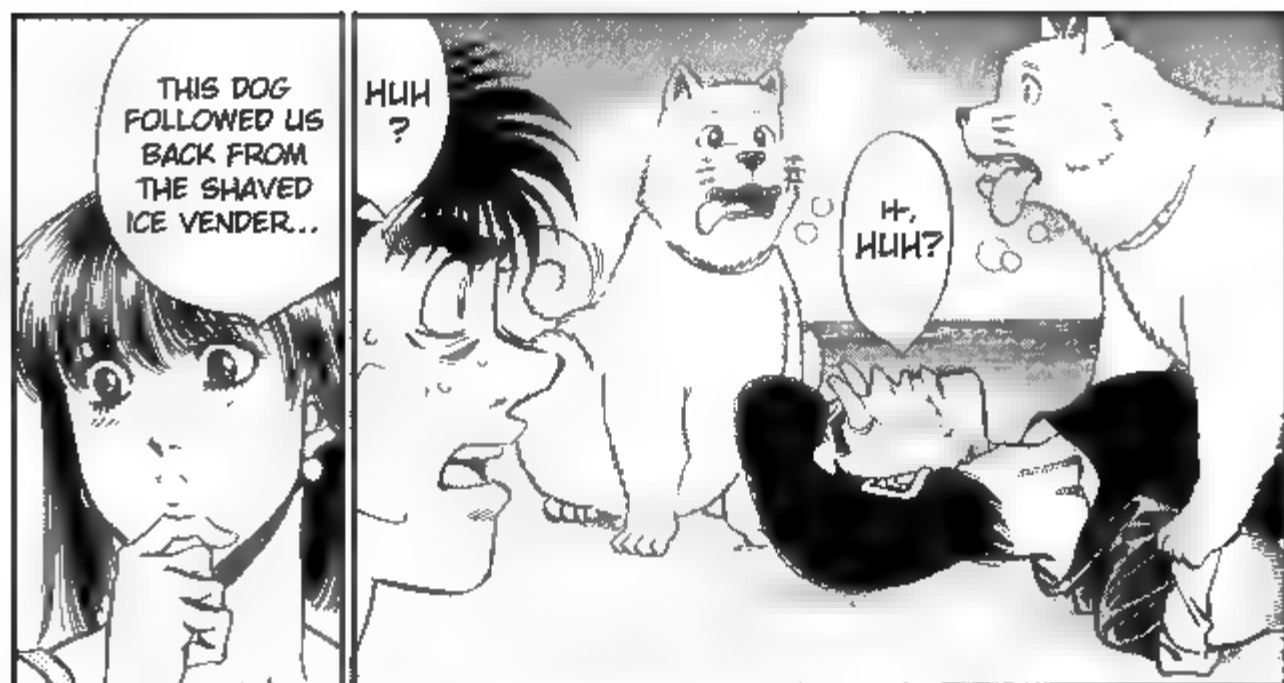
WE AREN'T
HERE FOR
THE TRAIN-
ING CAMP

IT'S A
COINCIDENCE!
COINCIDENCE
!!

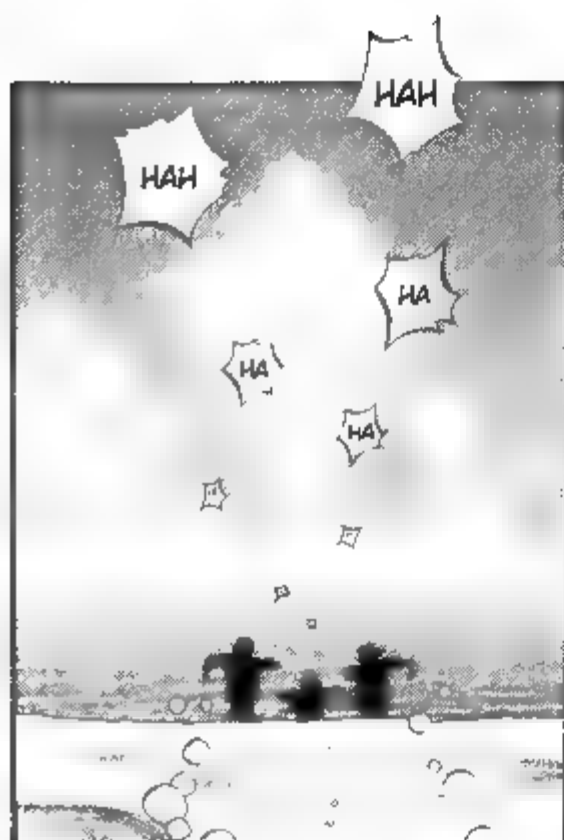


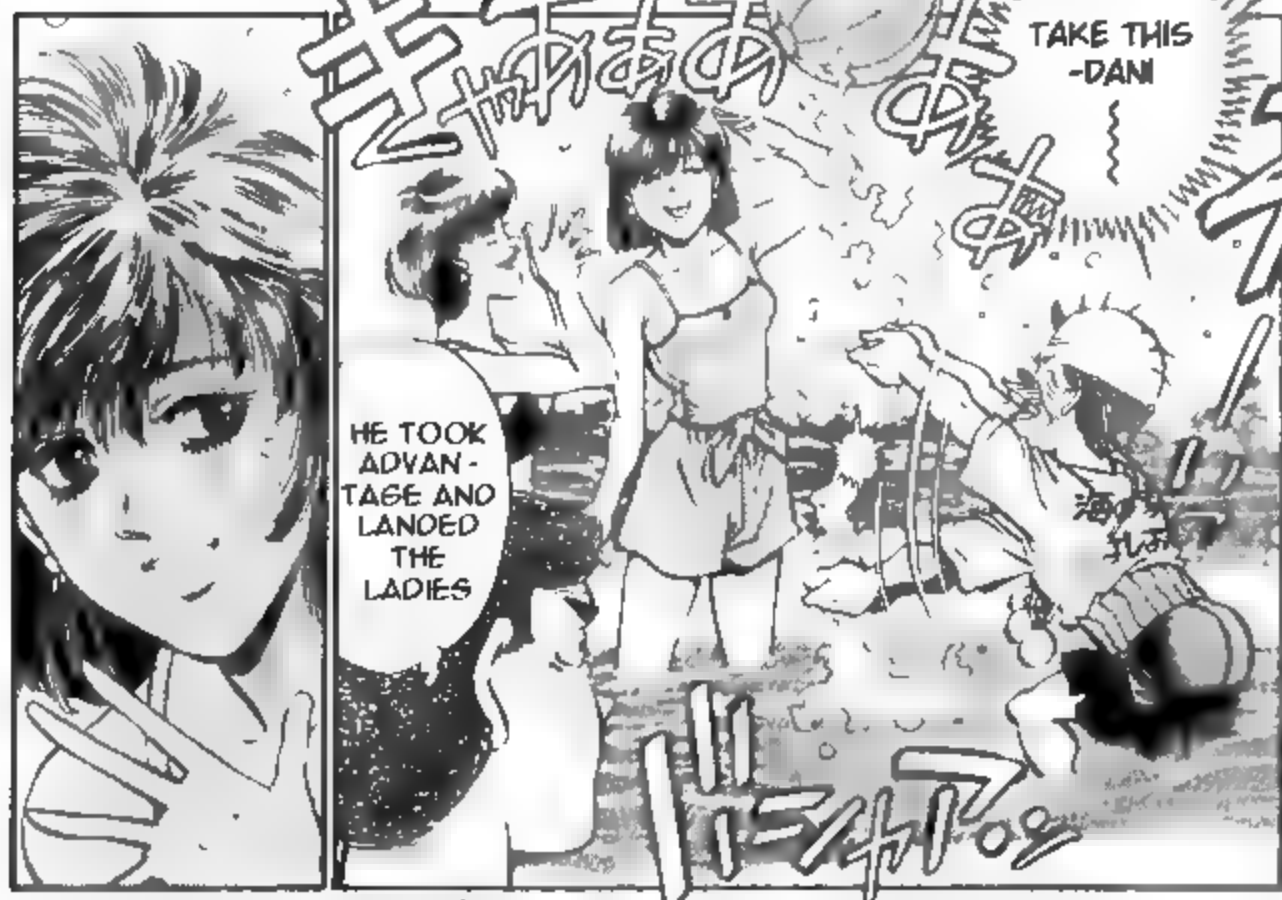
WHA-











HE TOOK
ADVAN-
TAGE AND
LANDED
THE
LADIES

TAKE THIS
-DANI

IT'S SO
MUCH
MORE
OBVIOUS
AT THE
BEACH

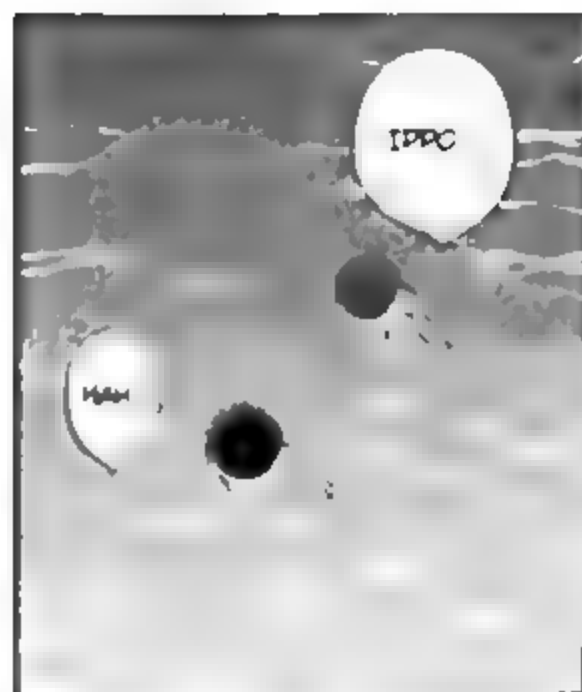
UWAH
SHE'S
TOO
CUTE

THANKS
FOR
TODAY

WHAT'RE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

AH?

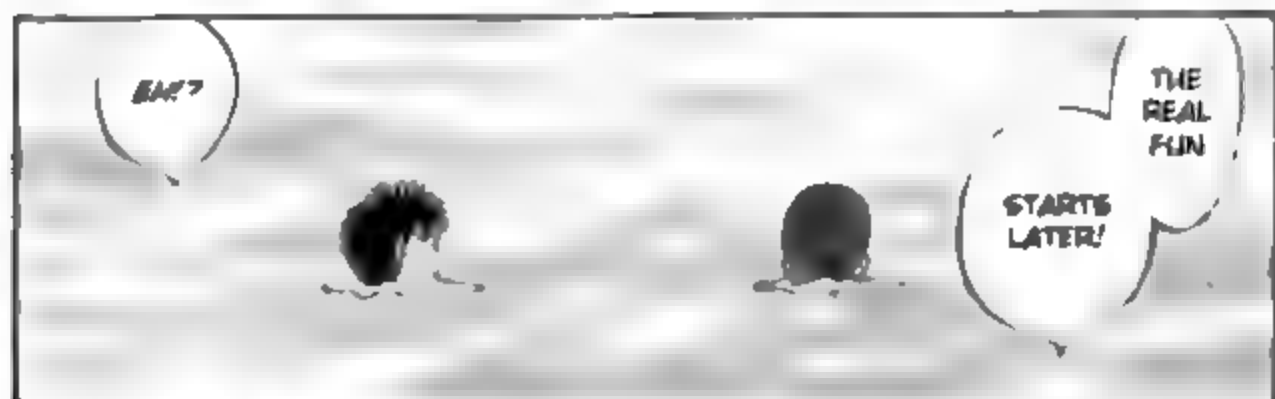
AOKI-
SAN

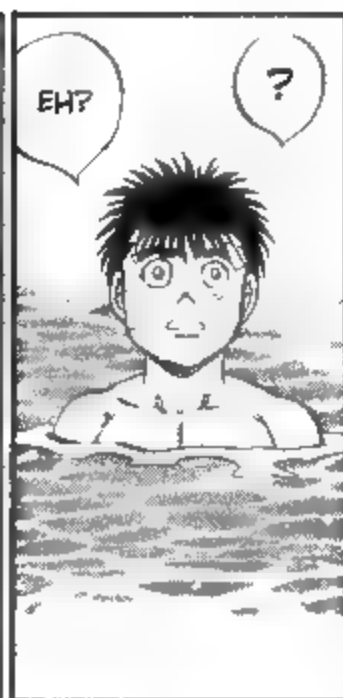


SO HAVING YOU
DRAG ME OUT
HERE AND
FORCING ME TO
ENJOY MYSELF
REALLY
CLEARED MY
HEAD



I WAS
GETTING
DOWN
THINKING
ABOUT
YAMADA-
KUN.





NOTE: AOKI'S HAND GESTURE MEANS "SEX" USE IT FROM NOW ON!



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A DAY
TRIP!?

TH-
THIS
WASN'T
...

はじめての THE FIGHTING! 一歩

WE CAN'T
SLEEP IN
THE SAME
ROOM!!

KUMI-SAN
AND I DON'T
HAVE THAT
KIND OF
RELATION-
SHIP

PUTTING
YOU
TWO
ASIDE

YOU
NEED A
GOOD
LONG
REST

WASN'T IT
OBVIOUS? A DAY
TRIP WOULDN'T
HELP YOU KNOCK
OFF THE STRAIN
OF A FIGHT

N-
NO WAY
...

KUMI-
CHAN
SHOULD
BE
WAITING
FOR IT

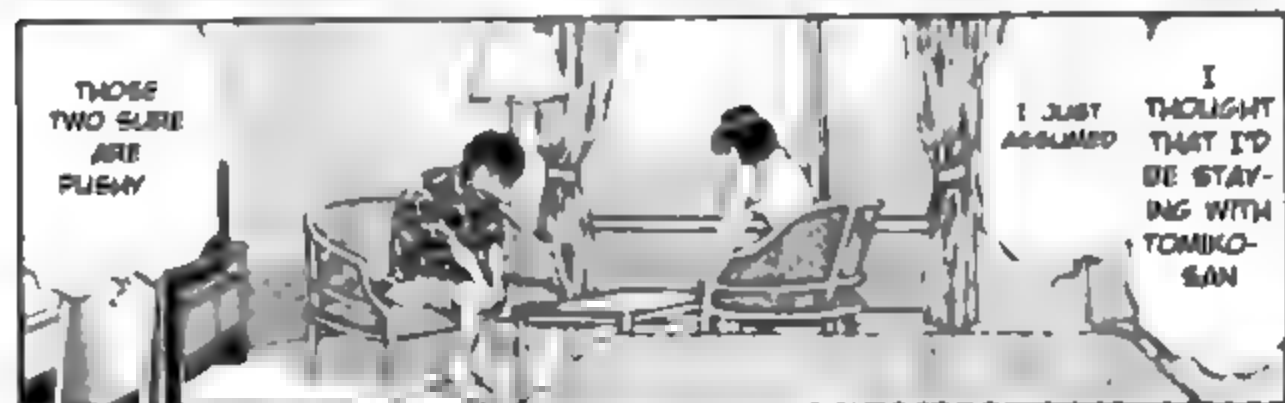
PUT AN END
ON YOUR
"JUST FRIENDS"
RELATIONSHIP
TONIGHT

THINK OF
THIS AS YOUR
CHANCE TO
CHANGE YOUR
RELATIONSHIP!

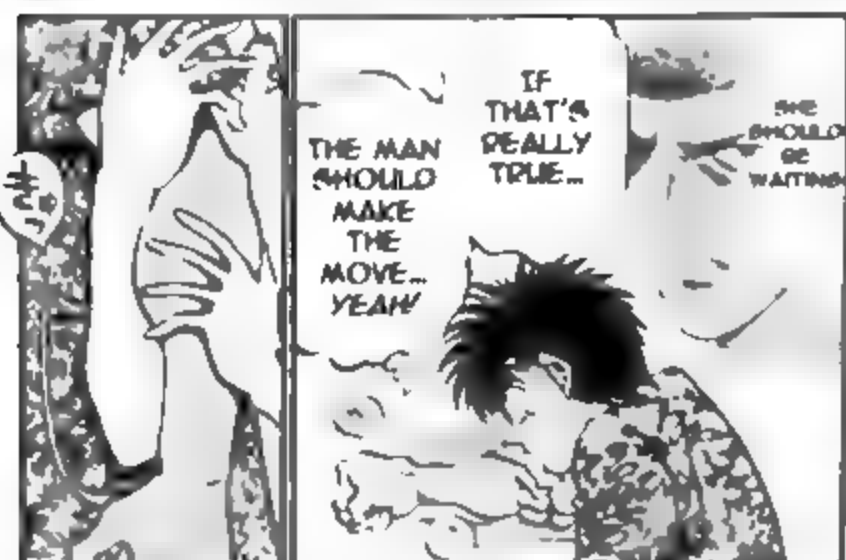
IT ALL
COMES
DOWN TO
YOU NOW!

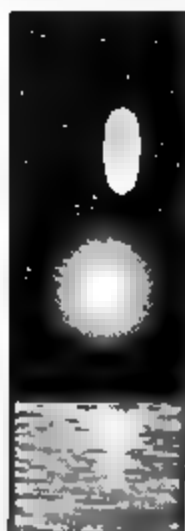
BUT
STILL

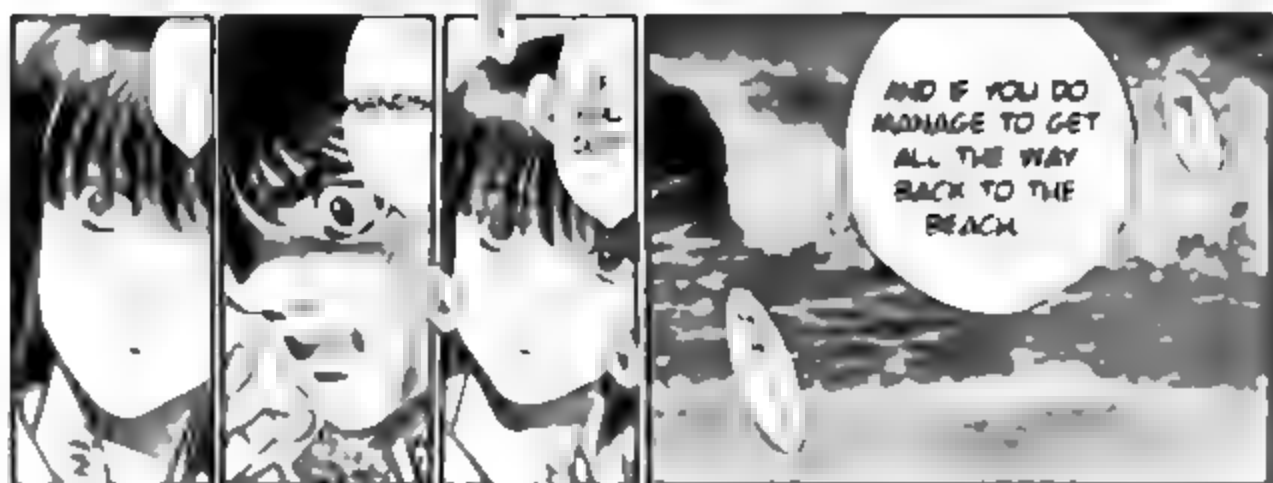
BUT...

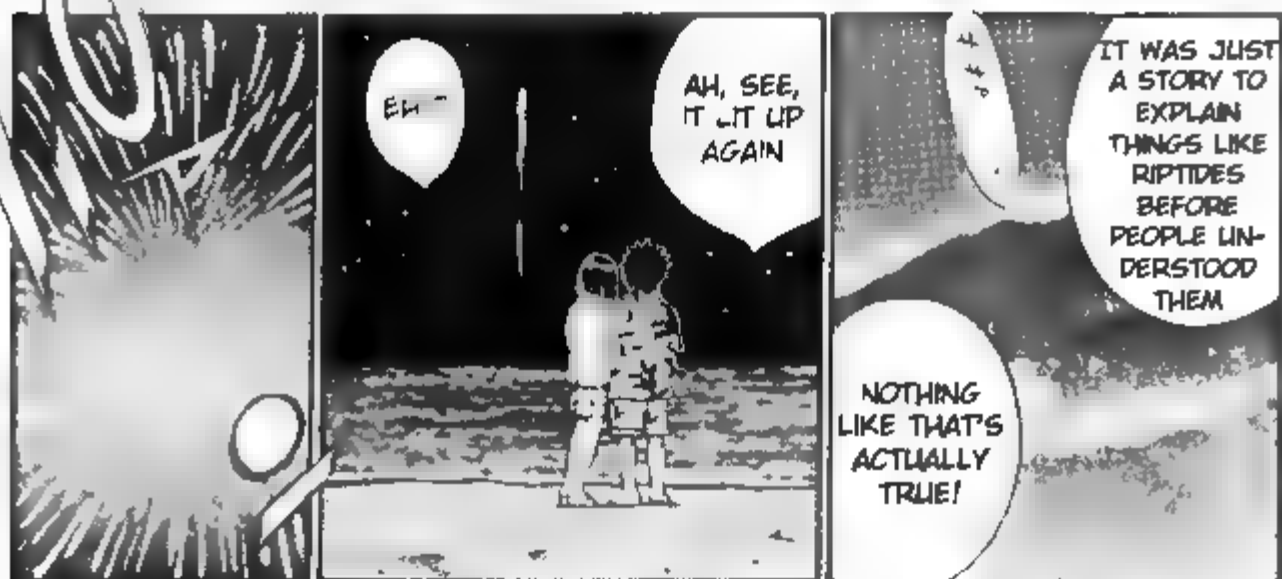














AND
WE ALL
ADVANCE
TOGETHER

NOW
DON'T
RAISE
YOUR
HEADS

THAT
I
LOVE
HER!!

THE NEXT
TIME THE
FIREWORKS
GO OFF,
I'LL TELL
HER!

I'VE
DECIDED!
WHEN THE
NEXT ONE
GOES
OFF



SHHHH!
THERE
THEY ARE!

TAKAMURA-
SAN, IS THIS
ANOTHER
PART OF THE
TRAINING?



IT'S ALL
GOOD! LET'S
DO IT HERE

OH COME
ON, LET'S GO
BACK TO THE
HOTEL FOR
THIS



SO WE
CAN GET
CLOSER
THAN
USUAL

COUPLES
ON THE
BEACH ARE
DEFENSE-
LESS



BASTARD!
DON'T ASK
ME TO COME
FOR SHIT
LIKE THIS

THEN IT'S
JUST SOME
PEEPING
TOM
THEORY
CLASS?











MAYBE
THE TIDES
COMING
IN...

HUH?



BUT
TOMIKO'S
GOT BETTER
TITS THAN I
THOUGHT...

CHE,
WHO
WOULDA
THOUGHT IT
WAS AOKI



HIN?

WHAT,
WANDO



WOOF
WOOF

WOOF
WOOF



I HEARD
ABOUT
THIS...
ABOUT A
DEMON
THAT PULLS
YOU OUT
INTO THE
OCEAN...

GEH
...



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LIKE
SOMETHIN'S
ON MY
FOOT

WHAT?
I CAN'T
MOVE



IF I
LOOK
BACK
NOW...



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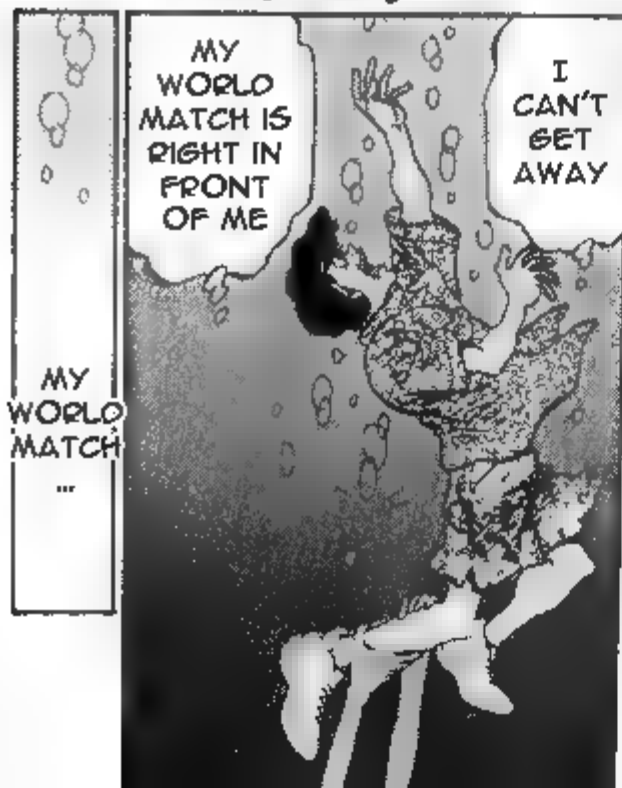


THIS ONE'S
WAY TOO
DANGER-
OUS!!

R - RUN!
HURRY AND
GET OUT
OF THE
WATER

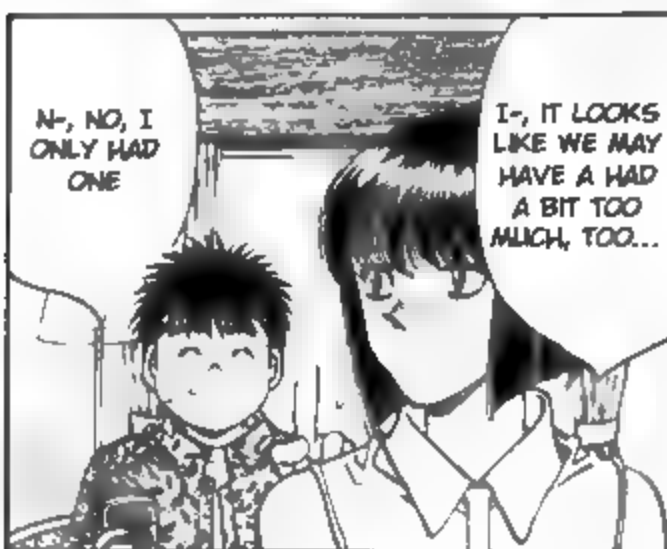


IF I
LOOK
BACK...

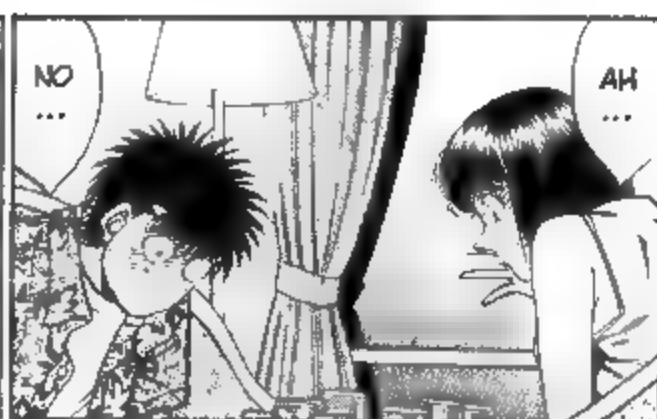












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Round 357

Meager Satisfaction





MAKLI-
NOLI-
CHI-
SAN



I'M GOING
TO TELL
YOU

I-
I'M

**RIGHT
NOW**

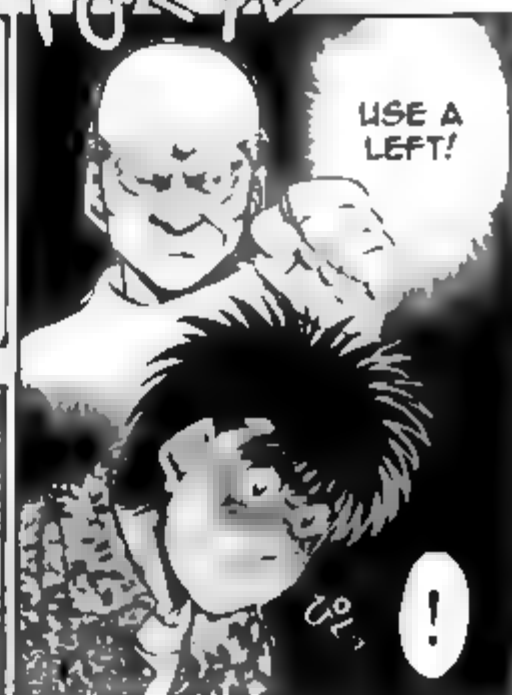


WHAT
DO I
DO?

I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHERE
TO BEGIN



THAT'S IT' I
WON'T GET
ANYWHERE
IF I JUST
BLURT OUT
MY CON-
FESSION

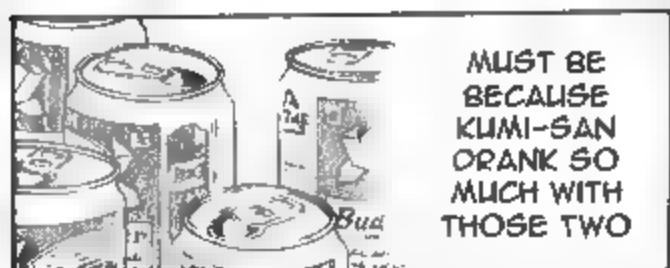


THE
VERY
FIRST
TIME WE
EVER
MET

TO-, TO
TELL YOU
THE
TRUTH

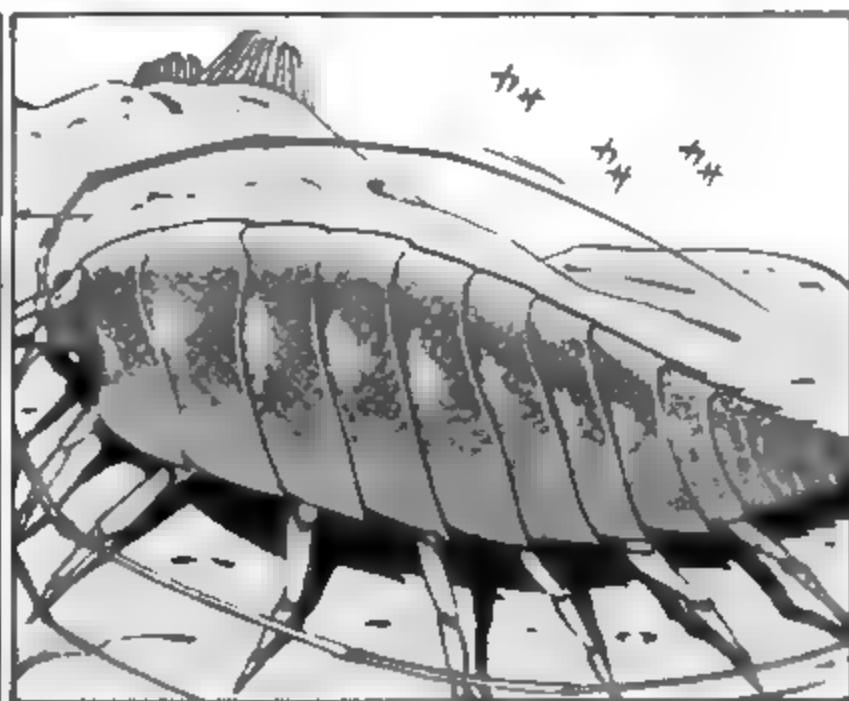
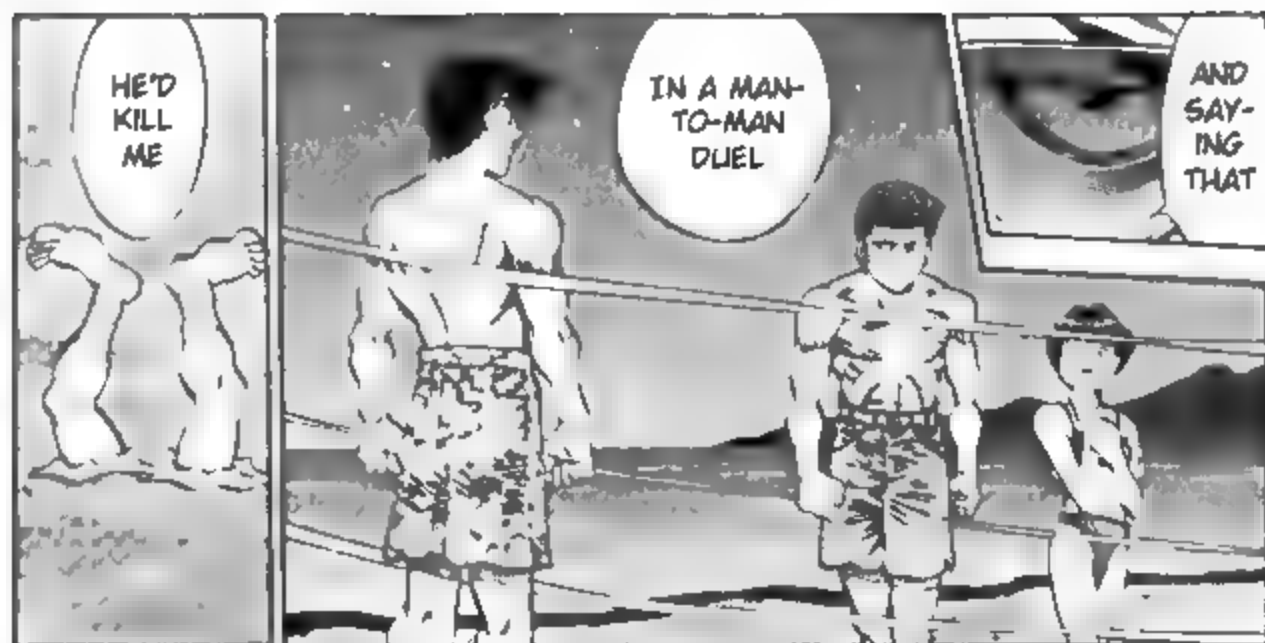




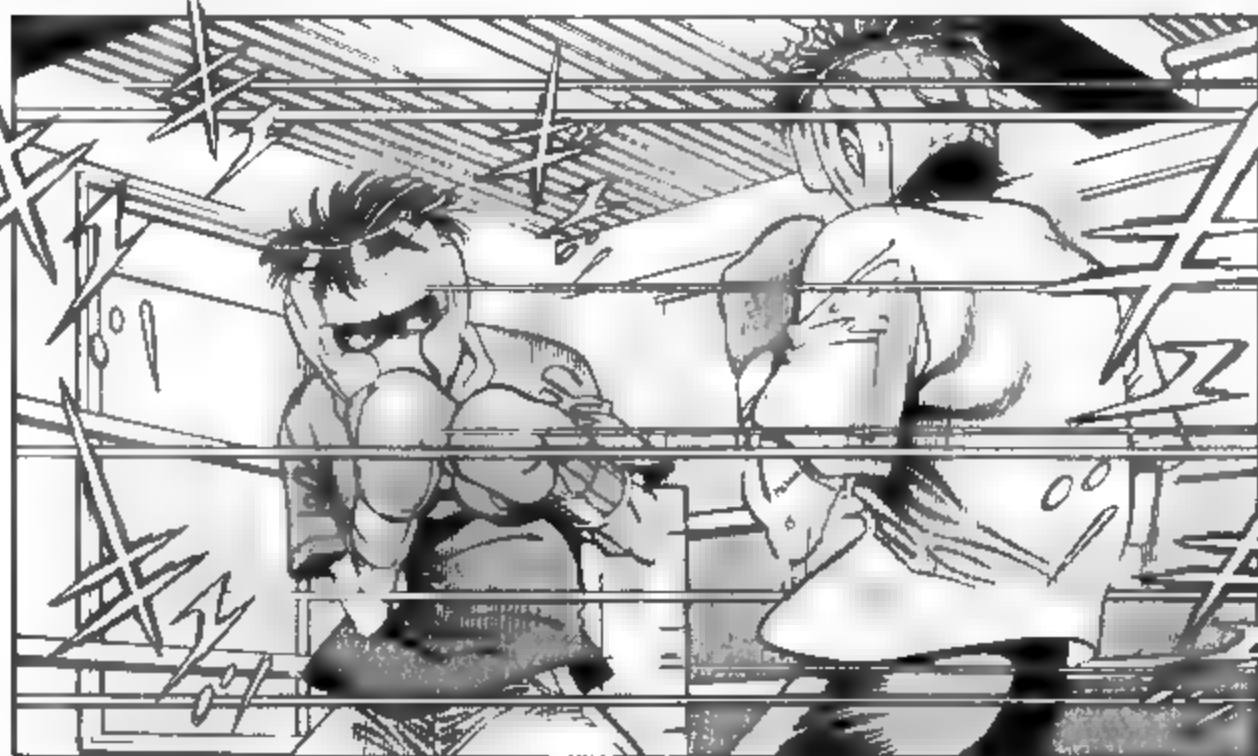
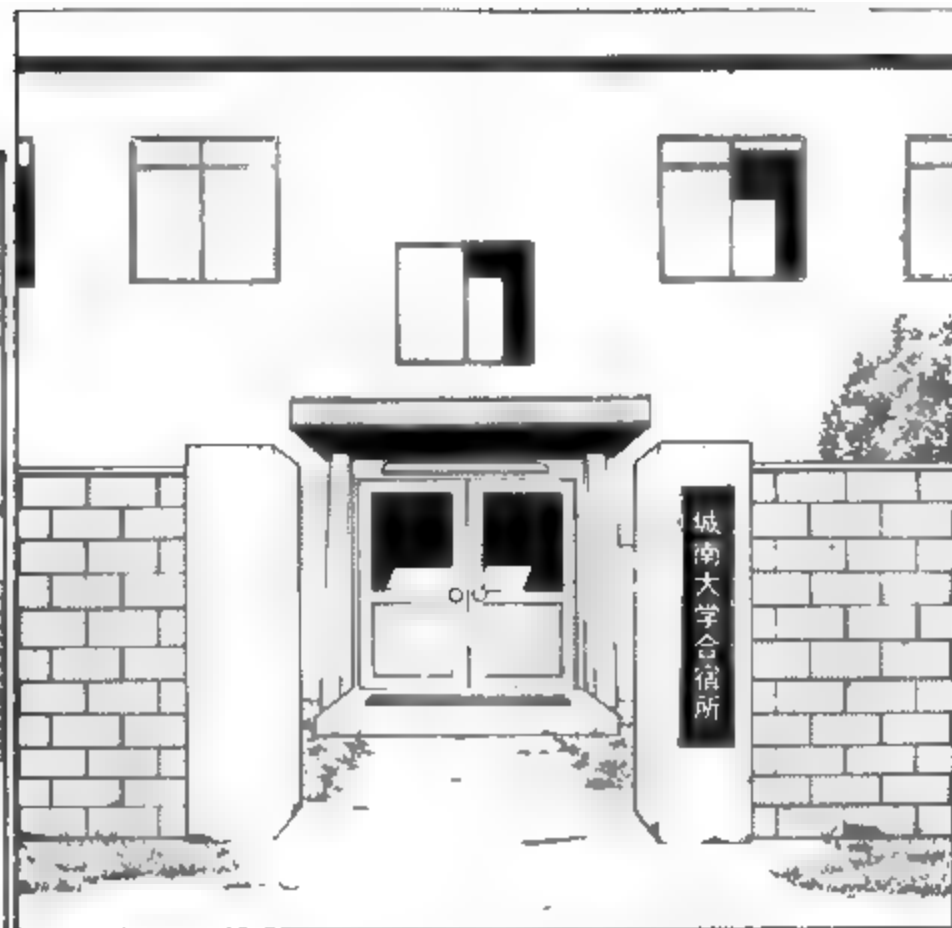




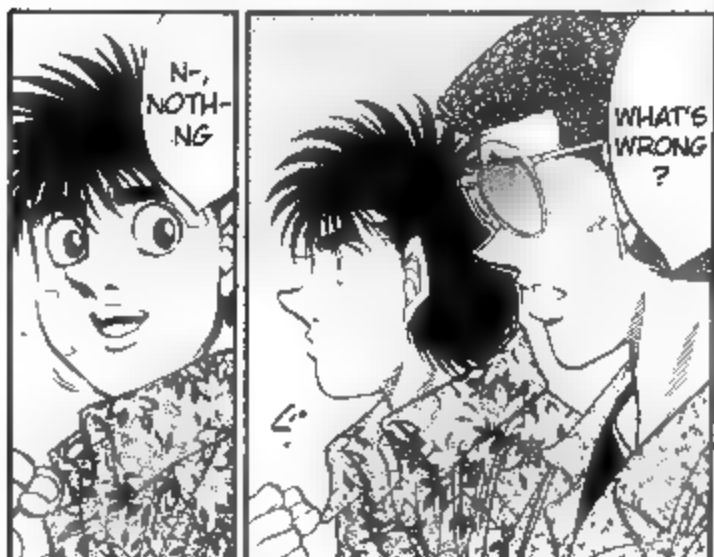
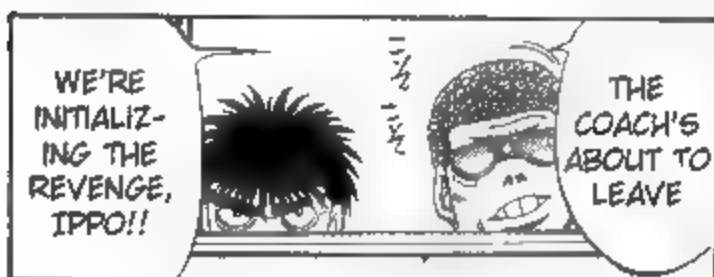


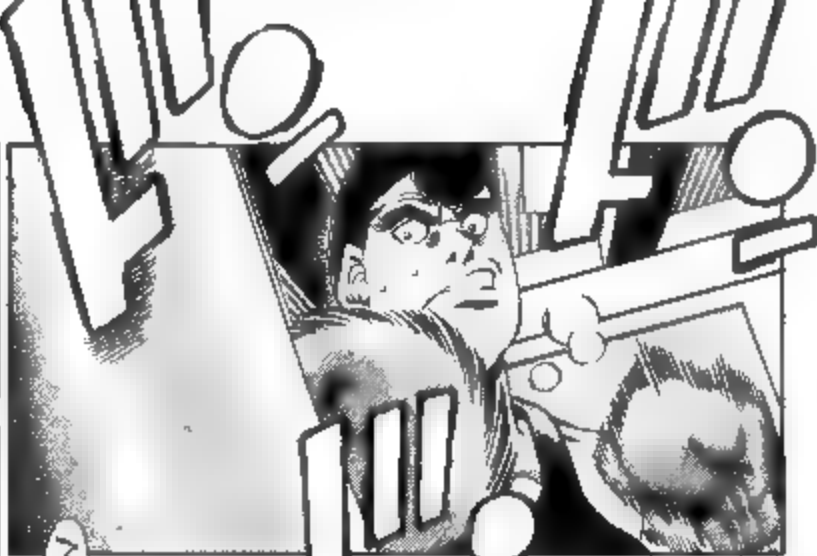






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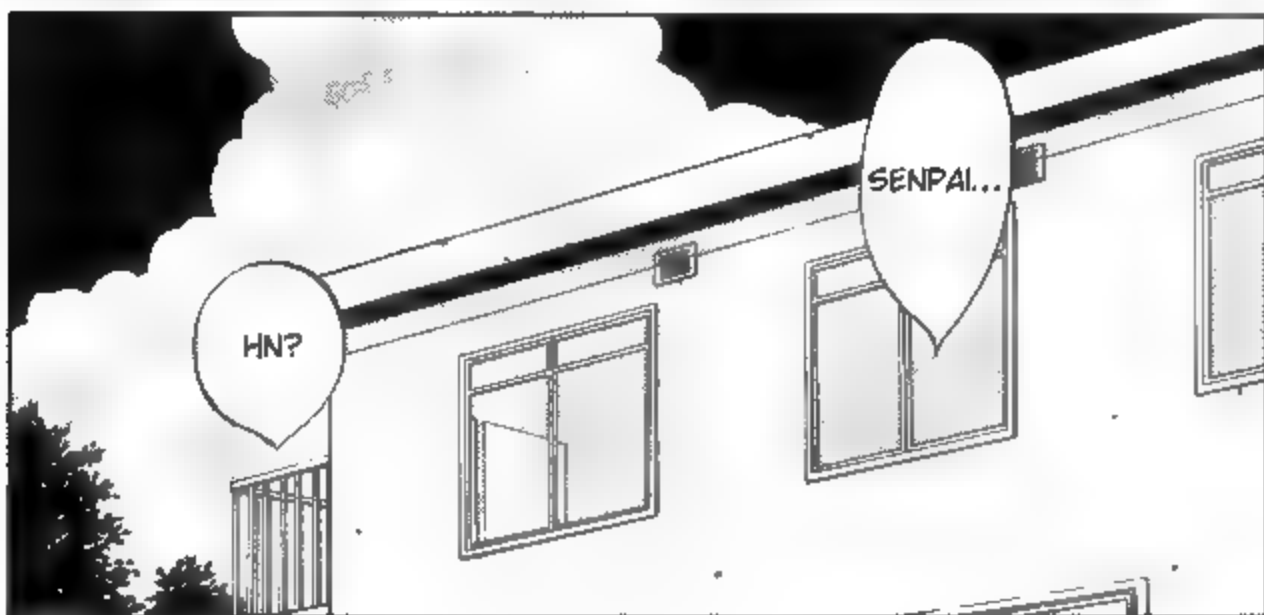


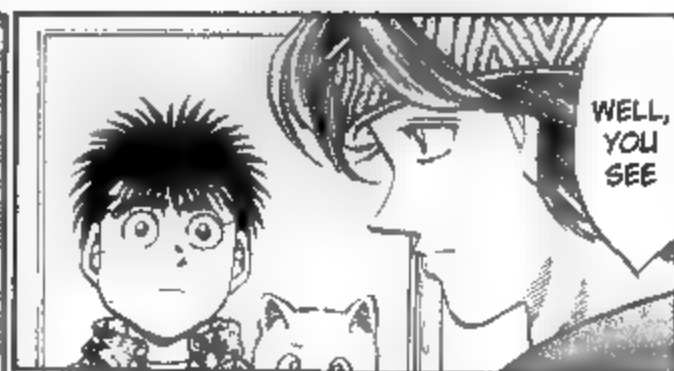






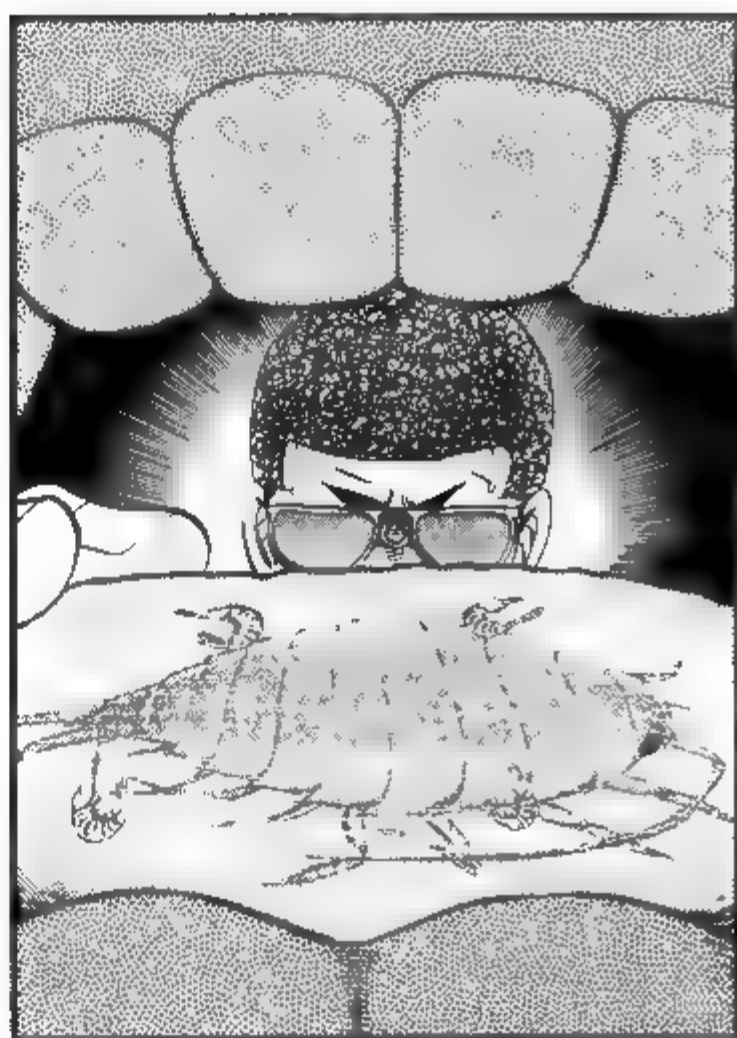








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IF I DON'T
HOLD BACK!?

DO YOU
MIND

はじめての THE FIGHTING! 一歩



IS THAT
SOMETHING
A PRE-DEBUT
ROOKIE
SHOULD BE
SAYING?

HEY NOW,
HE'S THE
JAPANESE
CHAMPION,
YOU KNOW

ITAGAK-
KUN.,

IT'S NOT
SOMETHING
I'D WORRY
ABOUT

NO

I APOLO-
GIZE IF
YOU'RE
OFFENDED



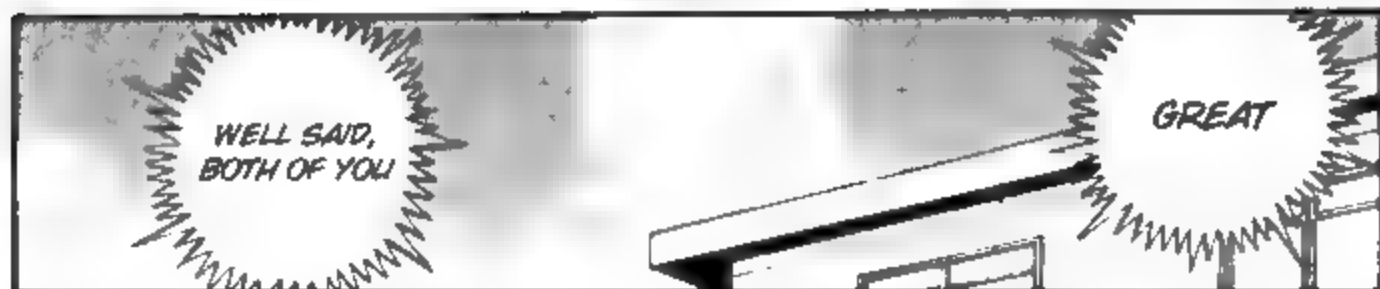
VERY
MUCH!

THANK
YOU



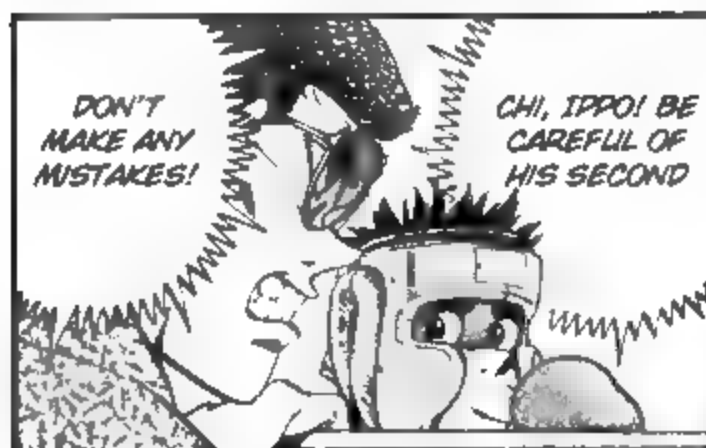
WE
WON'T PULL
PUNCHES,
ITAGAKI-KUN!

-SURE



WELL SAID,
BOTH OF YOU

GREAT



DON'T
MAKE ANY
MISTAKES!

CHI, IPPO! BE
CAREFUL OF
HIS SECOND



JUST LISTEN
TO ME AND
WE'LL PUT
IPPO IN
BANDAGES

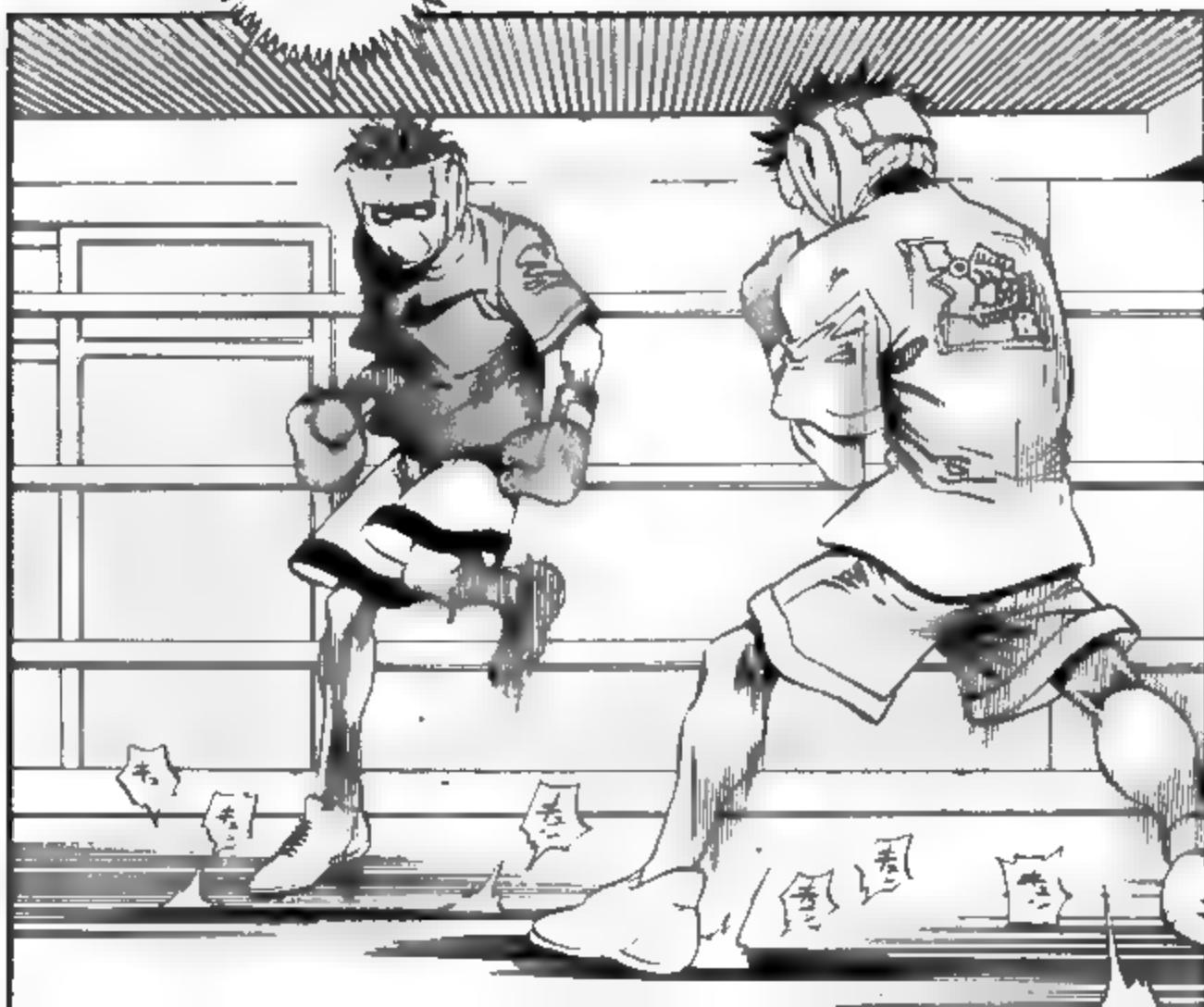
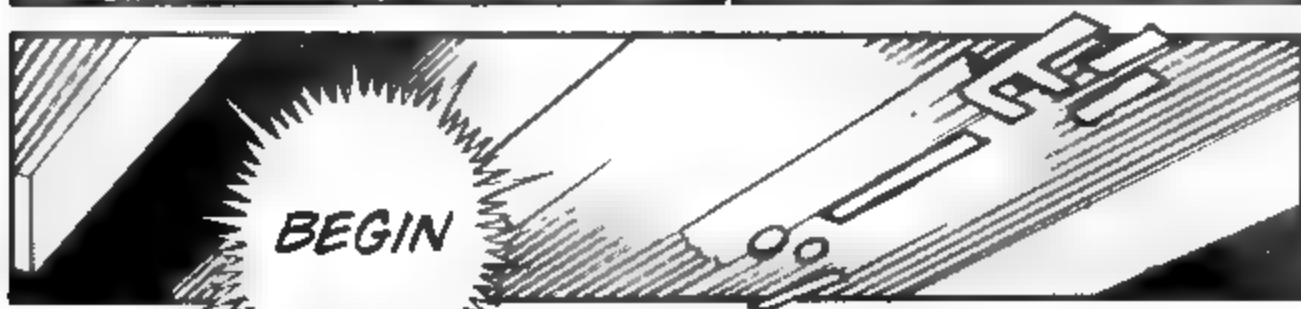
I'LL
BE YOUR
SECOND,
MAN



BUT HE
ACTUALLY
WENT AND
CHALLENGED
IPPO

I THOUGHT
HE'D BE A BIT
MORE TIMID

T
H
A
N
K
S







WHEN
YOU FINISH
HITTING,
ALWAYS
GET OUT OF
HIS RANGE!

KEEP IT
TO FAST
PRECISE
COMBINA-
TIONS!



HIS LEFT
IS SHARP!

IT FEELS
LIKE HE'LL
COUNTER ANY
HALF-HEARTED
PUNCHES I
THROW .



HE RESEMBLES

.. MIYATA-KUN

IT'S BEAUTIFUL
BOXING



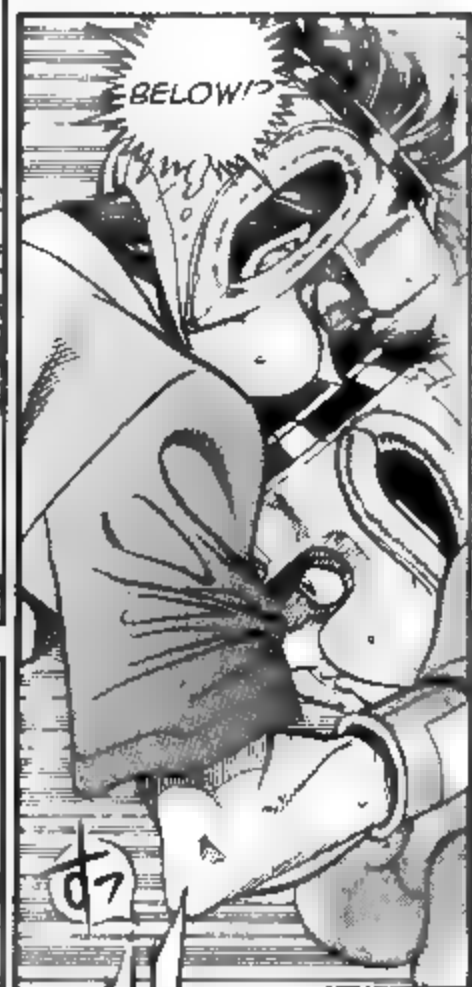
HE DIDN'T
NEED
ADVICE
AT ALL

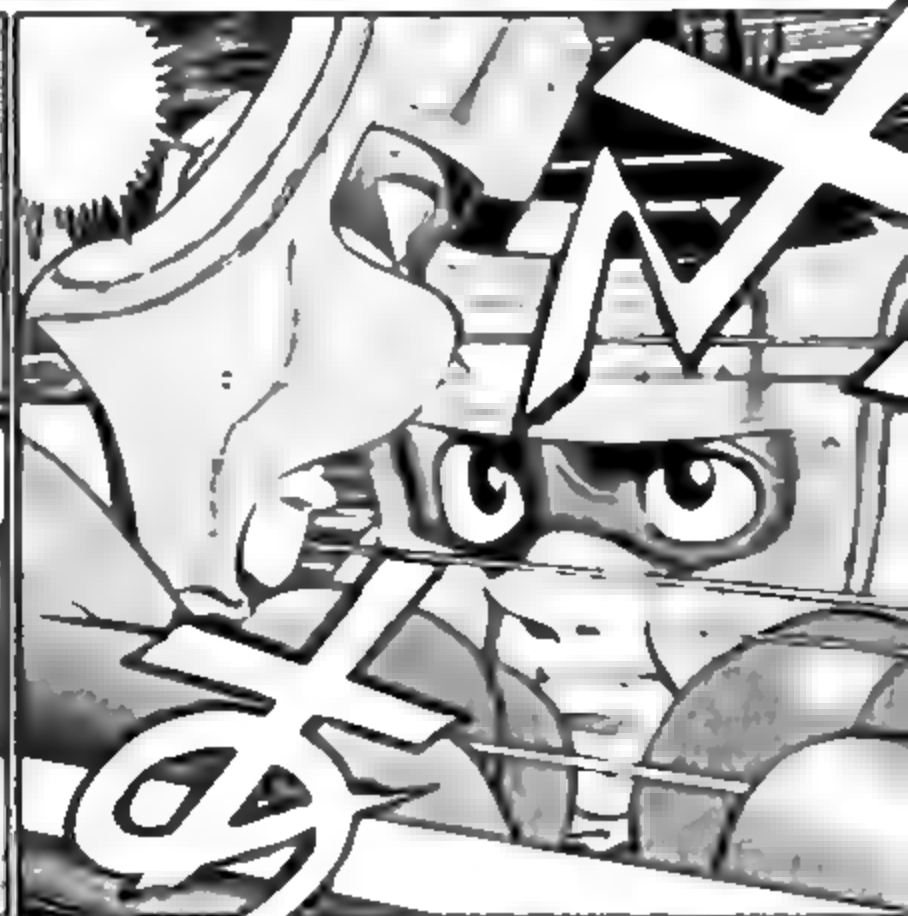
WHAT



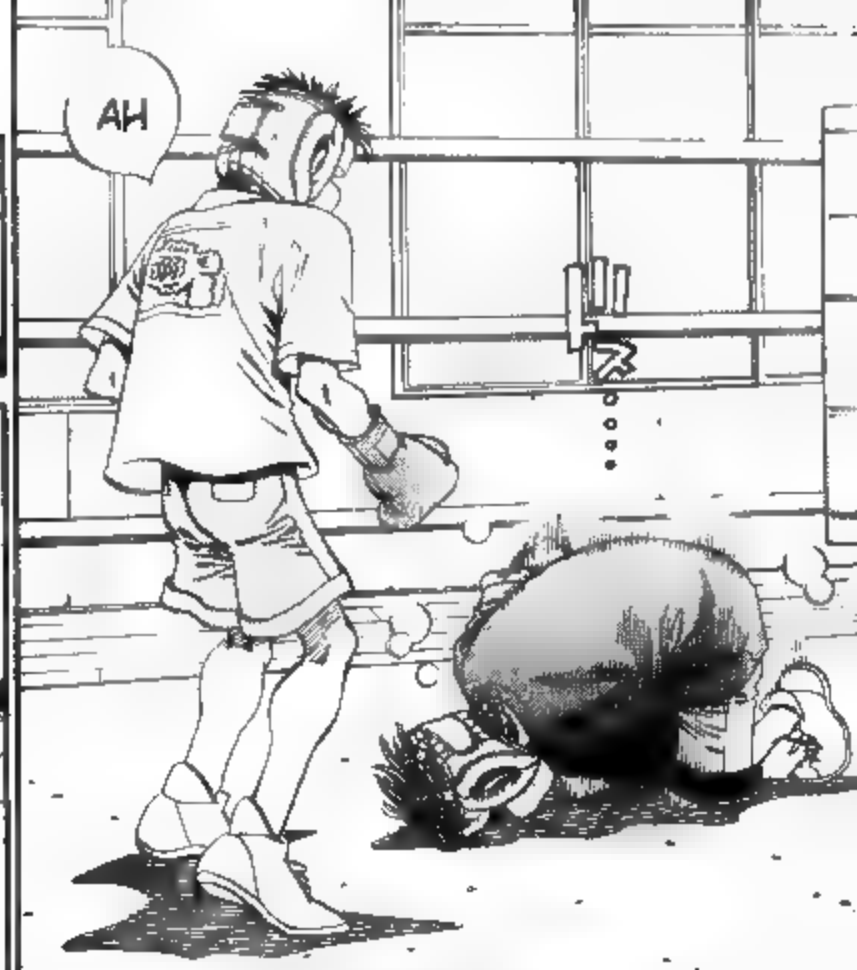
THAT
FACE
PISSES
ME
OFF

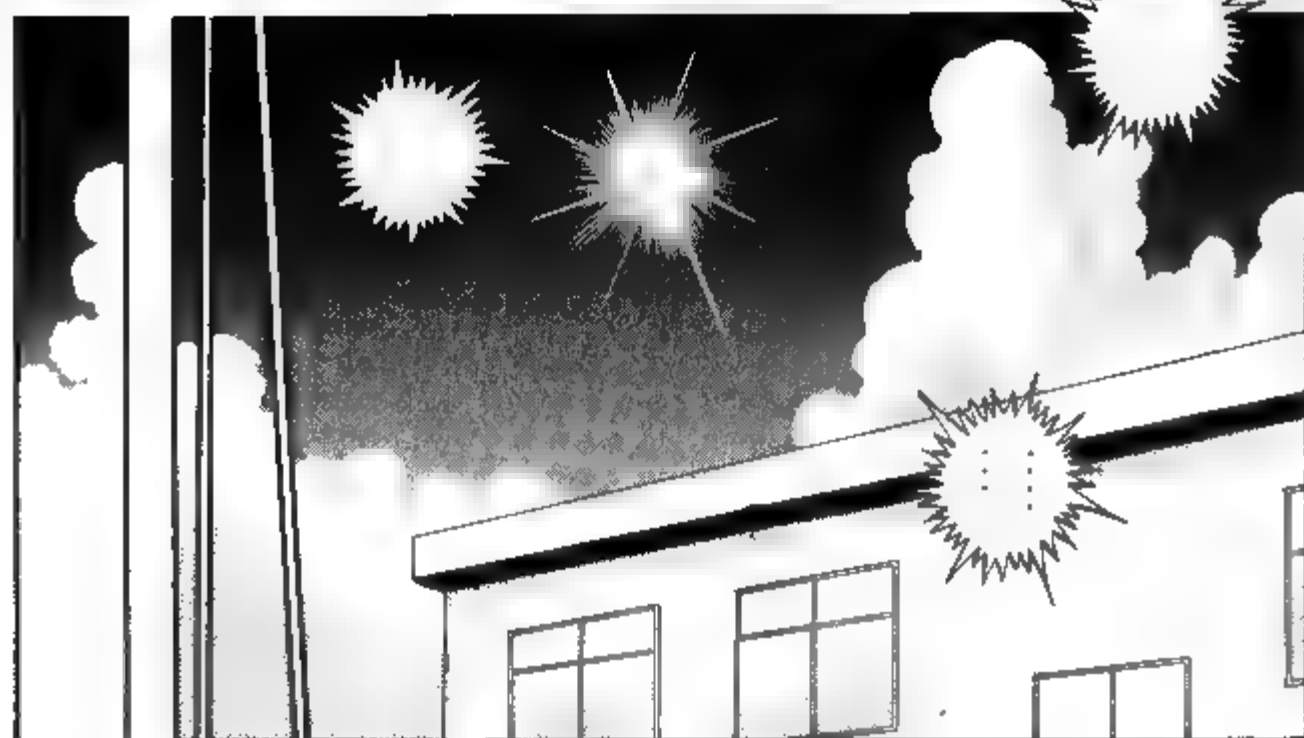
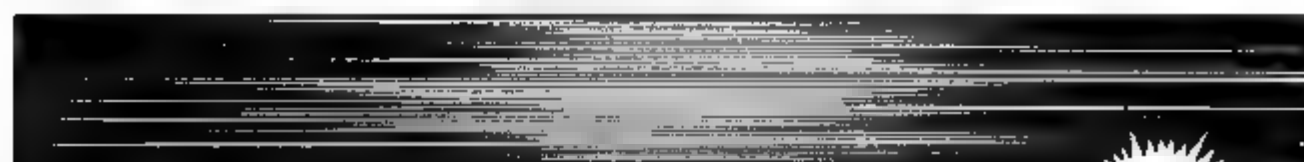


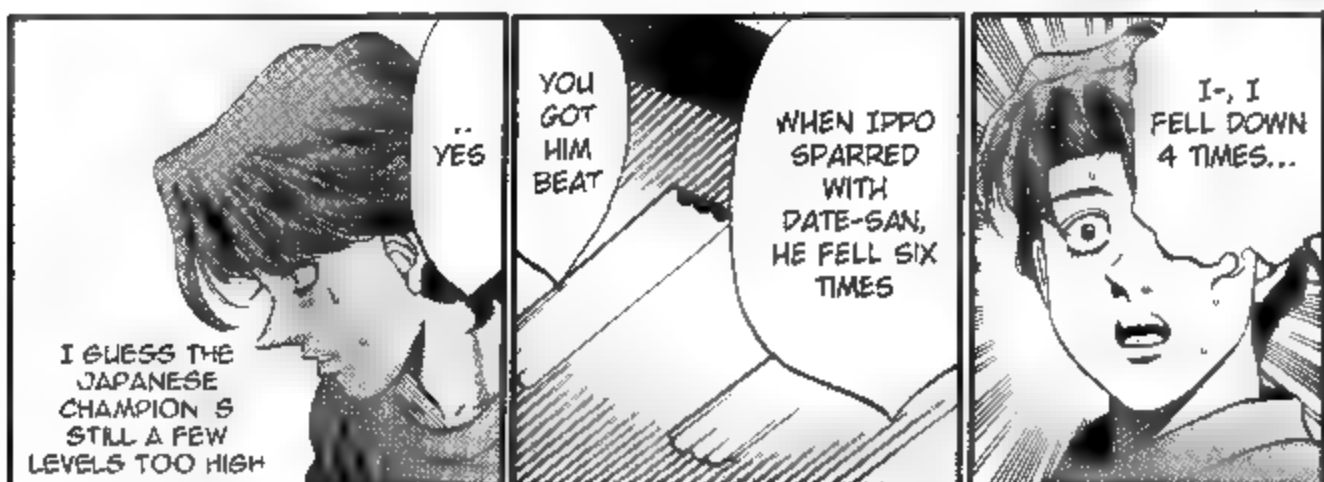












THERE'S NO
POINT IN YOU
LEARNING
FROM
A FIGHTER
TYPE LIKE
IPPO

EXPERIENCES.
YOU'RE AN OUT
BOXER,
AREN'T YOU?

ALL
WERE GOOD
EXPERIENCES

THAT
PRESSURE
AND THE
WAY HE
PUSHED
ME TO THE
ROPES

WHAT?

I'M TRYING
TO LEARN
HOW TO
COUNTER
IT

I'M NOT
INTENDING
TO COPY
HIM

I'M GLAD
TO HAVE
ENTERED
INTO A GYM
WITH MAKU-
NOUCHI-
SENPAI...

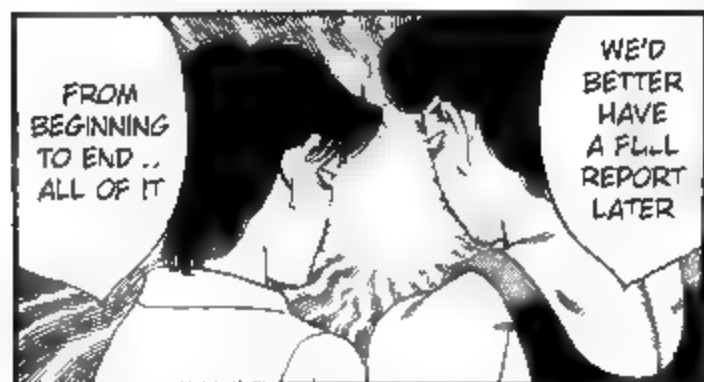
AND HE PLANS
TO MOVE ON TO
THE PROS AFTER
GRADUATION

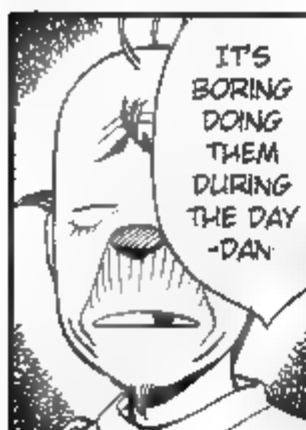
AS AN
AMATEUR I
WAS ALWAYS
NUMBER 2

AND THE ONE
ABOVE ME IS
A FIGHTER TYPE
VERY SIMILAR TO
MAKUNOUCHI-
SENPAI

AND THIS
TIME IT WILL BE
MY TURN AS
NUMBER 1

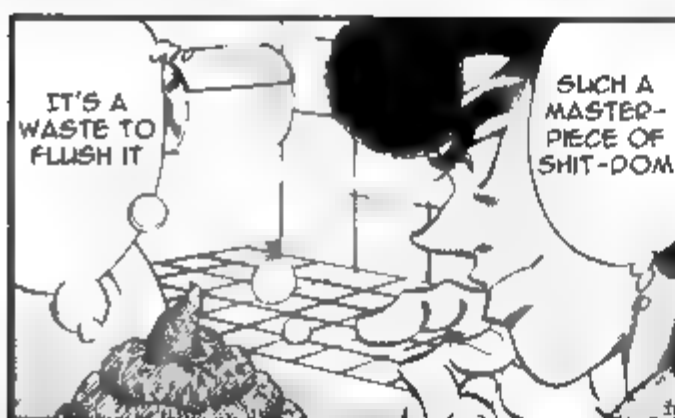
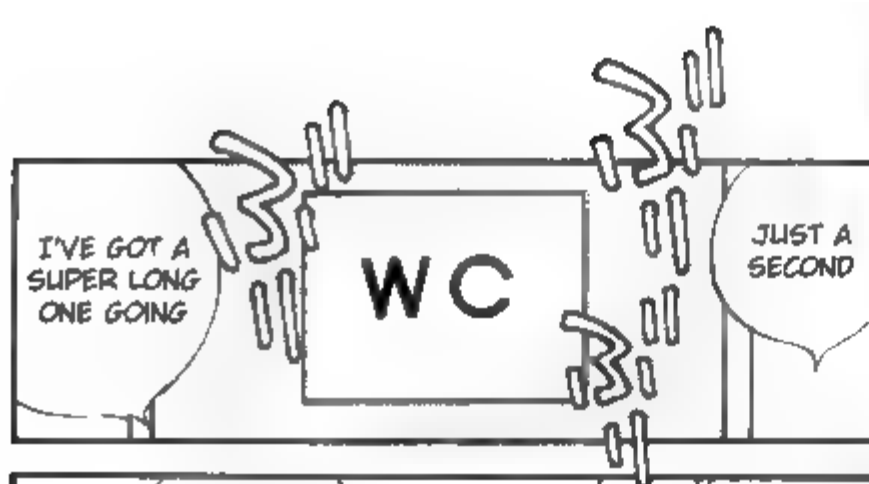
IF I LEARN
FROM SPARS
WITH SENPAI,
THEN I CAN
SURPASS HIM

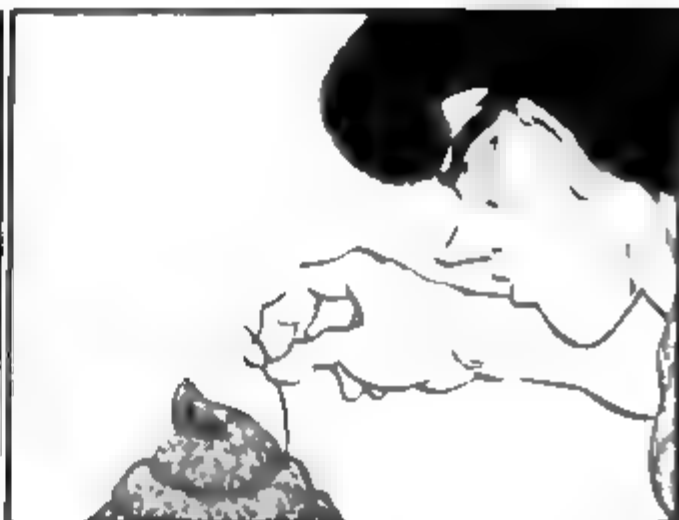




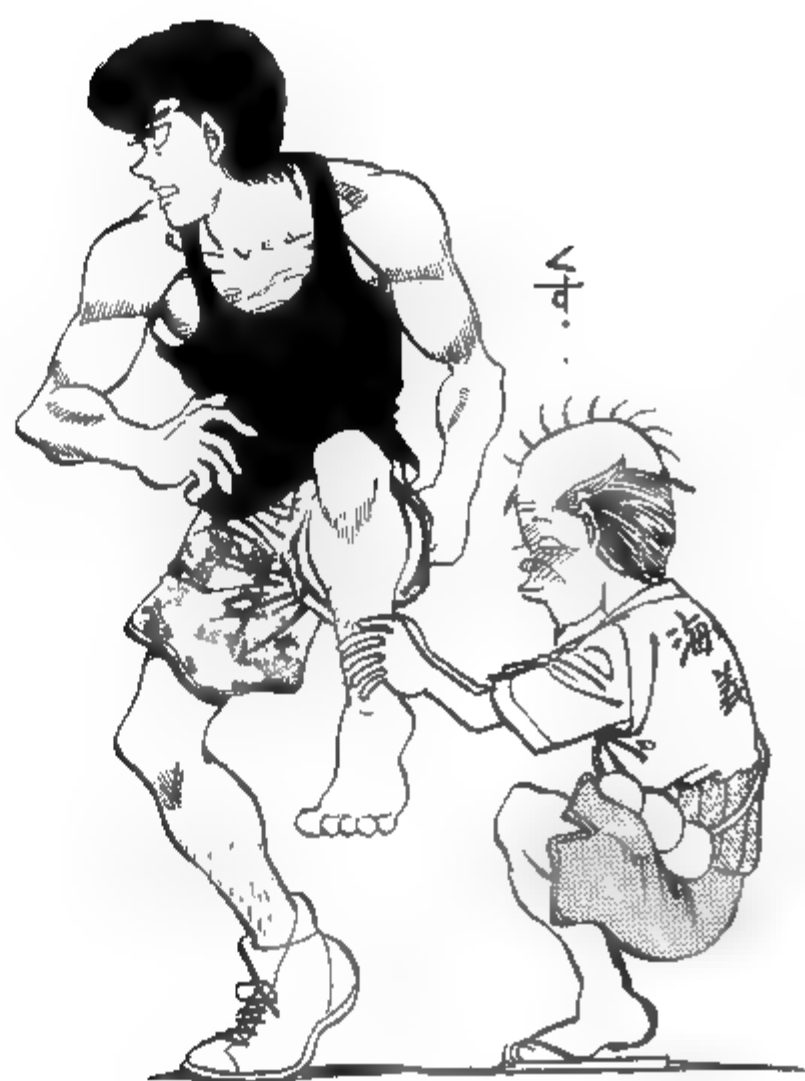








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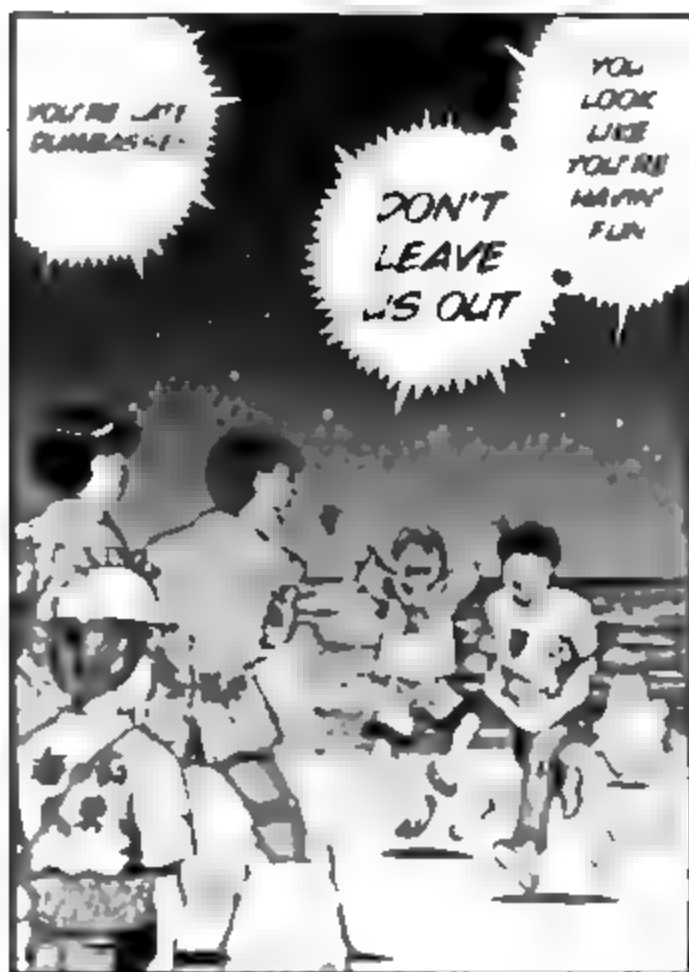
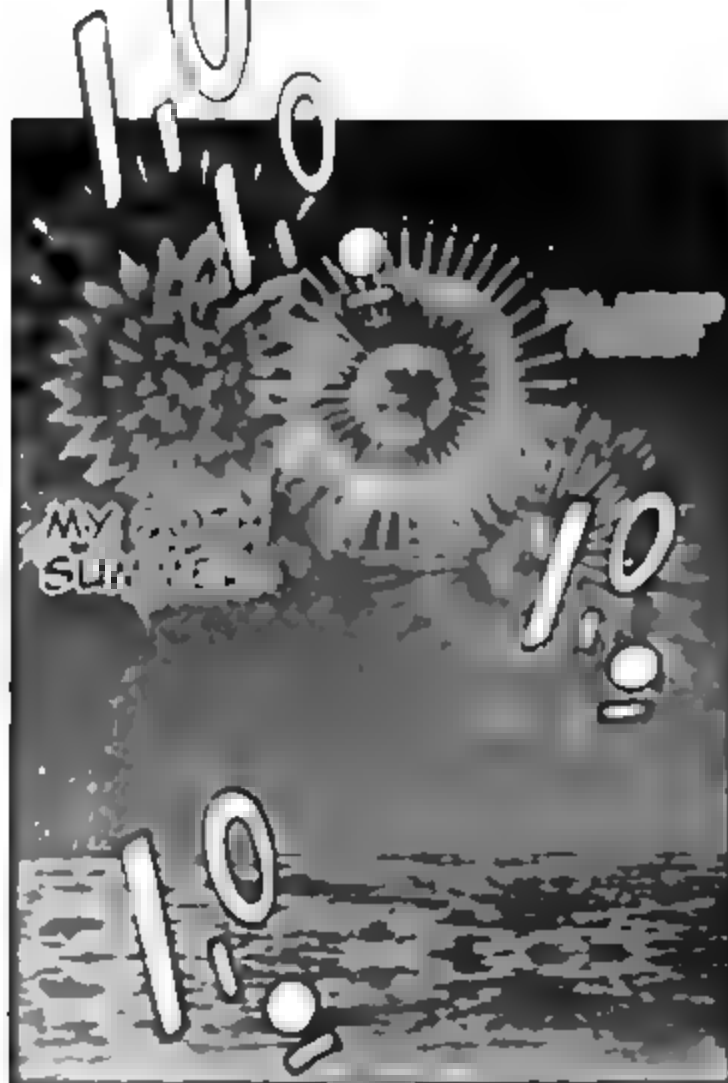
SUMMER...
IS OVER



Shogakukan.com
Scene - Fighting
Genre - Shounen
Style - Fantasy

Round 359 The Bright Stars







LET'S
FORGET
ABOUT HIM
AND HAVE A
BLAST!!

THIS IS
TURNING
INTO A
GREAT
NIGHT!

OOOOH-
HE ISN'T
COMING!!



OH,
WHERE'S
TAKA-
MURA-
DANI?



HE SAID
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
BEING
CURSED

SAID HE
DIDN'T
WANNA
COME



OOOOOH

I'M ON
FIRE
-DANIYO!!



YEAH,
THERE'S NO
USE THINKING
ABOUT A GUY
WHO ISN'T
HERE



AHHAHA-
HAHA

HEY, DON'T
POINT
THAT THING
AT ME

THAT'S
THING'S
HUGE



AHA-
HAHA

WAHA-
HAHA

IT'S BECAUSE
TAKAMURA'S
NOT HERE

BUT THIS
FEELS SO
LIBERATING

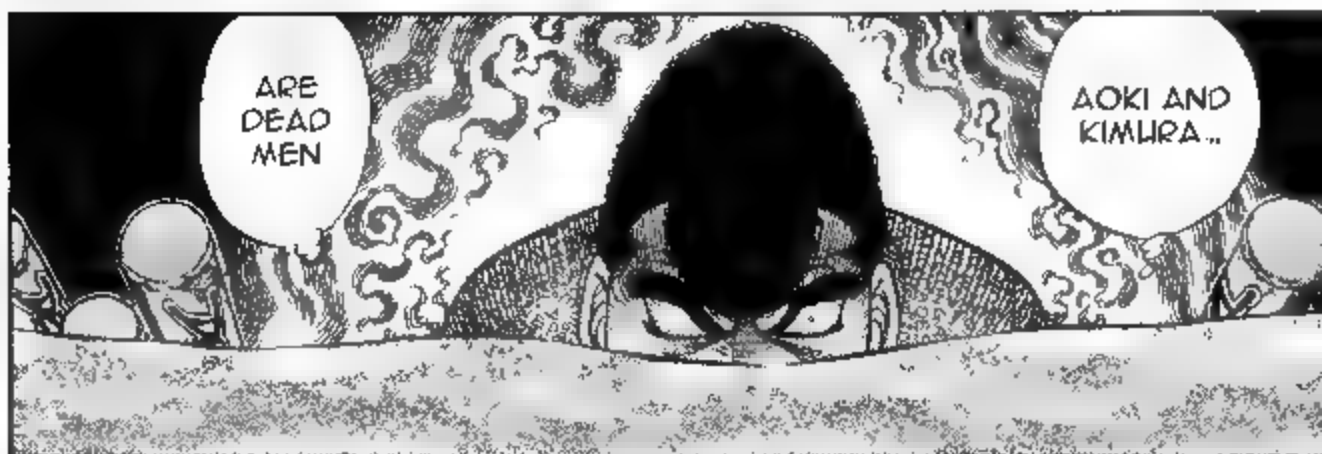
MAYBE
IT'S
BEING
AT THE
BEACH
AT NIGHT



HELL
YEAH

LIKE
WAKING
UP FROM
A BAD
DREAM

NO
NEED
TO
WORRY
ABOUT
ANY-
THING
HAPP-
ENING



ARE
DEAD
MEN

AOKI AND
KIMURA..



SOON I'LL
SEND YOU
DIRECTING
FROM HEAVEN
TO HELL!!

CELE-
BRATE
WHILE
YOU CAN



THAT
MAKES
4

IPPO AND
ITABAKI
AREN'T
SAD THAT
I'M GONE,
ETHER





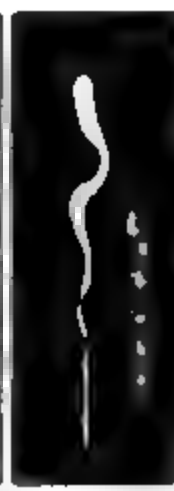
GO!



AND ONE IS
ENOUGH FOR
NEKOTA

AND
I CAN'T
FORGET
LOVO AND
TAGAR

I GOT
THREE
LITTLE
FRIENDS
HERE FOR
LOVO AND
TAGAR



WHAT
THE HELL
IS THIS
AND
HAVE
AGAINST
ME?

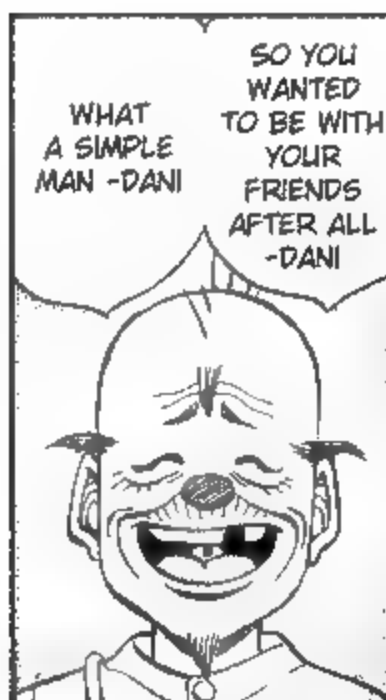


ASH



AM

~



WHAT
A SIMPLE
MAN -DANI

SO YOU
WANTED
TO BE WITH
YOUR
FRIENDS
AFTER ALL
-DANI



WE'VE
GOTTA
GET HIM
CALM

SHIT, HE
COULDA
HEARD
US



YOU
DECIDED
TO COME!?

TAKA-
MURA-
SAN



SHIT,
THINGS'LL
BE BAD
LATER

SEE
NOW HE'S
LEAVIN'



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU DID
THAT!

NI!?

F-, FOOL!!
DON'T SAY
THAT!



SHIT~

I'M
JUST
IN THE
WAY ..

WITH ME
AROUND,
SOMETHING
BAD'LL
HAPPEN



BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY

DO
SOME-
THING,
IPPO...



I'LL
JUST GO
BACK

IT'S
ALL
GOOD



HELP ME
OUT HERE,
ITAGAKI-
KUN!

HAH



LET'S ALL
WATCH THE
FIREWORKS
TOGETHER

PLEASE
DON'T GO



I'M
LEAVING



WE
NEED YOU,
TAKAMURA-
SAN

THIS
WON'T BE
EXCITING

IF YOU'RE
NOT HERE,
WE WON'T
HAVE ANY
FUN, TAKA-
MURA-SAN



I WAS
TRYING
TO FIGURE
OUT WHAT
THAT WAS

IT WAS
FUN, BUT
SOME-
THING WAS
MISSING

AND THEN IT
CAME TO ME
THAT IT WAS
BECAUSE
OUR LEADER
WASN'T HERE



COME
ON, IPPO!
ITAGAKI!!



YOU WERE
HAVIN' FUN
BEFORE

DON'T GIMME
THAT SHIT!!



WE'RE LOST,
TAKAMURA-
SAN

WITHOUT
YOU HERE



HM.





PLEASE
COACH
ME ON
THAT FOR A
LITTLE BIT

OK?



YOU
MUST BE
POPULAR
WITH THE
LADIES,
THEN

YES,
WELL



IYAAH,
I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
PRETTY
GOOD
WITH
WORDS

THAT WAS
INCREDIBLE,
YOU GOT
TAKAMURA-
SAN CALMED
DOWN SO
QUICKLY



AND
WE DID
NOTHING!!

YOU'RE
VOICE'S
TOO
LOUD!!



YOU CAN'T
SAY THAT
AFTER WHAT
YOU TWO DID
LAST NIGHT

EEH! BUT SENPAI,
YOU HAVE SUCH A
CUTE GIRLFRIEND!



BACK
THEN I WAS
STILL 17. .

WELL...
LET'S SEE



WHAT
WAS IT
LIKE?

SENPAI,
THE FIRST
TIME YOU
CAME
TO TH'S
TRAINING
CAMP



PLEASE
DON'T DO
THAT, I
STILL HAVE
DAMAGE
FROM THE
SPARRING

I-, I'M
SORRY
I GOT
CAUGHT
UP...

THEY ACTED AS
STUPID AS EVER,
BUT I FINALLY
REALIZED HOW
STRONG
EVERYONE
WAS

WHEN I
LOOK BACK,
THAT TRAINING
CAMP WAS LIKE
MY FIRST
BIG STEP
FORWARD

EVERYONE
LEFT ME
BEHIND...

I DIDN'T
REALLY KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
BOXING

THE
EAST JAPAN
ROOKIE KINGS
HAD JUST
STARTED

THE
ROOKIE
KING!

AND
WHAT WAS
YOUR
GOAL!?

EVERYONE
LOOKED UP
AND PLEDGED
THEY'D DO
THEIR BEST
TO REACH
THEIR GOALS

AND THEN
CAME THE
FIREWORKS
AND I
FORGOT
ALL THAT

MY
MUSCLES
FELT LIKE
THEY'D DIE
AT ANY
SECOND

HE REALLY IS
INCREDIBLE..

AND NOW HE'S
THE JAPANESE
CHAMPION!

WAS
THE
ROOKIE
KING

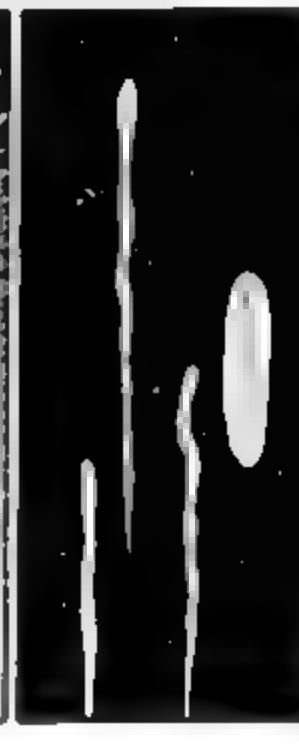
BACK
THEN,
MY GOAL



HONESTLY, IT'S KINDA EMBARRASSING



NOW?







THE BLOOM'S
DARKNESS
THROUGH
THE SKY
THE BLOOM'S
IN A ROW

BLOOM'S
ARE UP
ALL
FLOOMING

THEY
BLOOMED
BEAUTIFUL
AND



IT'S THE
INSTANT
ABOUT
LIGHTS AND
DARKNESS
AND THE
MOMENTS OF
BEAUTY

PLEASE THE
BLOOMING
BLOOMS

IT'S A
SILENT THAT
REQUIRES
THE ENERGY
OF YOUTH

IN THE
WORLD OF
PROFESSIONAL
SPORTS
BLOOMS HAVE
A SHORTER
THAN AVERAGE
CAREER



WE'RE THE
STARS
ABOVE THEM

FROM
LIFE IN
PARADISE
US WITH
THEY

I WISH
THE BLOOMS
WOULD LAST
FOR LONGER
AND

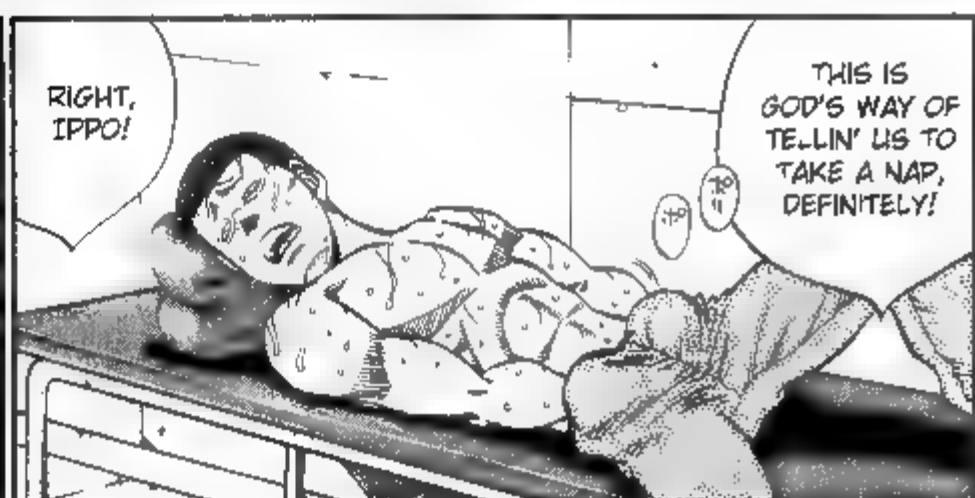
WE'LL
SHINE
FOREVER"





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AREN'T YOU TIRED FROM THE BEACH?

MAN, YOU'RE WORKING AS HARD AS EVER



THAT'S HELPING ME TO DO MY BEST

NO, IT WAS REALLY FUN



DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

HA?



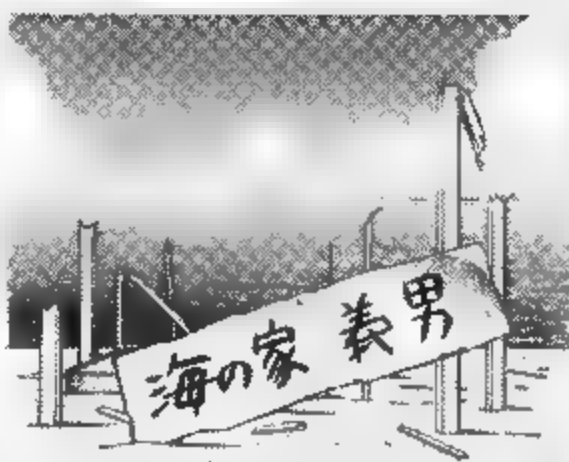
RIGHT, RIGHT, YOU READ THE TYPHOON ARTICLE?

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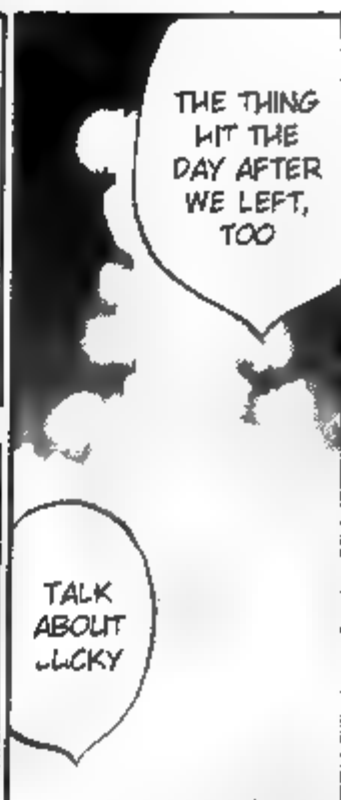


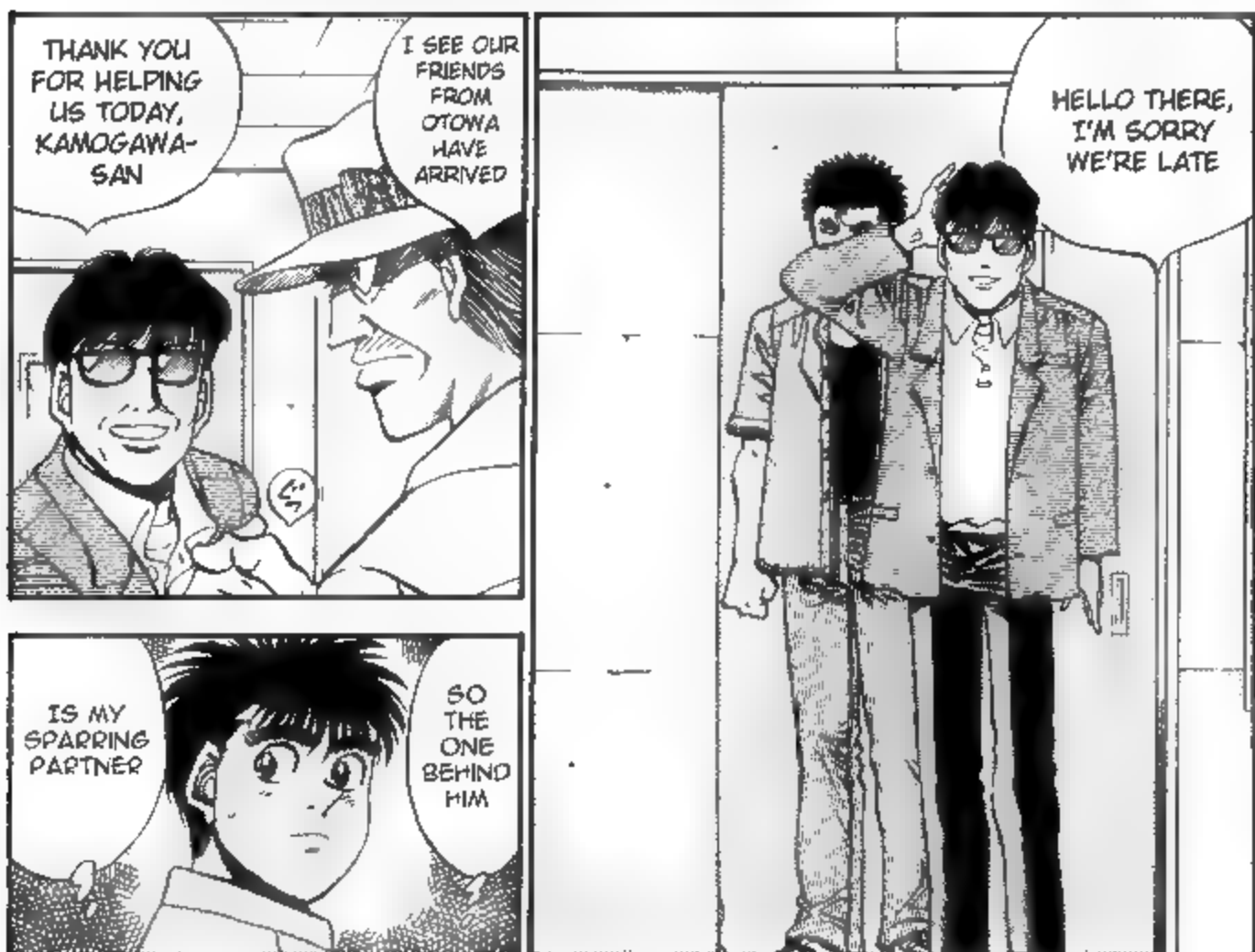
AND IT'S BEEN 5 DAYS ALREADY, I CAN'T SLACK OFF WHILE EVERYONE ELSE'S BUSY AT THE CAMP

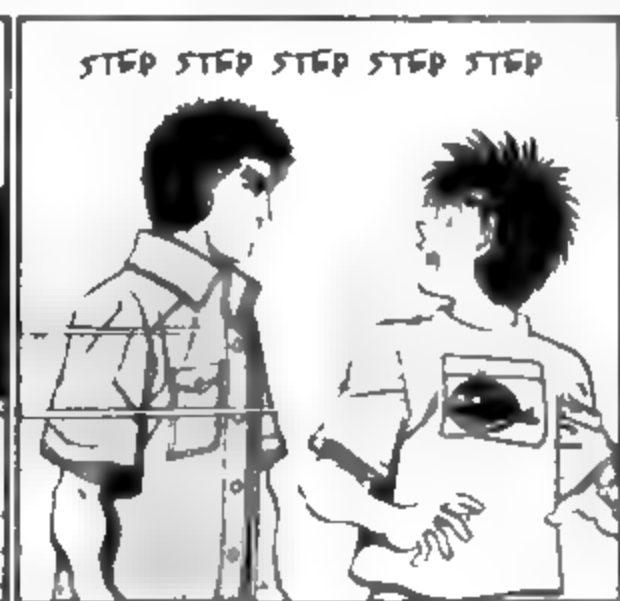
GIANT TYPHOON HITS LAND! MASSIVE DAMAGE

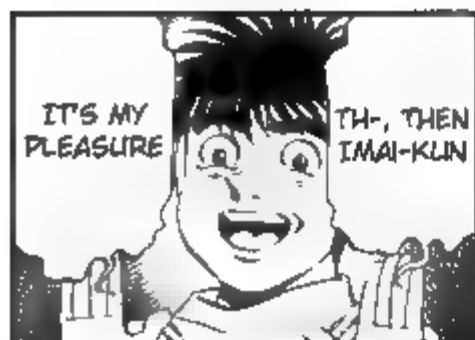


"IT WAS SO SCARY -DANI" IS THE REPORT IN FROM MR. NEKOTA SHINPACHI, WHO'S BEACHSIDE SHOP WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN THE GALE











FIGHT
SERIOUSLY..
I FEEL LIKE I'VE
HEARD THAT
PHRASE
SOMEWHERE
BEFORE..

S-
SURE



I WOULD
LIKE TO GO
AT FULL!!

TODAY



DON'T GO
AROUND
SMILING
LIKE AN
IDIOT

HEY
YOU!



THAT
SHOULD
BE PROOF
ENOUGH
THAT HE'S
GOT SOME
SKILLS

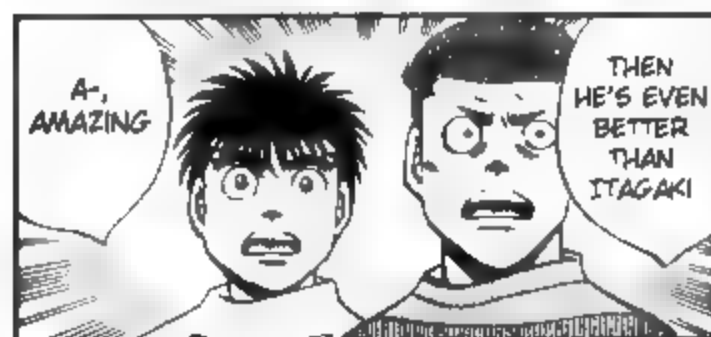
I
TOLD YOU
HE'S A
HOPEFUL



SOUNDS
LIKE SOME
PUNK KID
TO ME

GOT SOME
CONFIDENCE

SO HE
CAME TO
THE CHAMP
TRYING TO
GET A FEEL
FOR THE
PRO RING



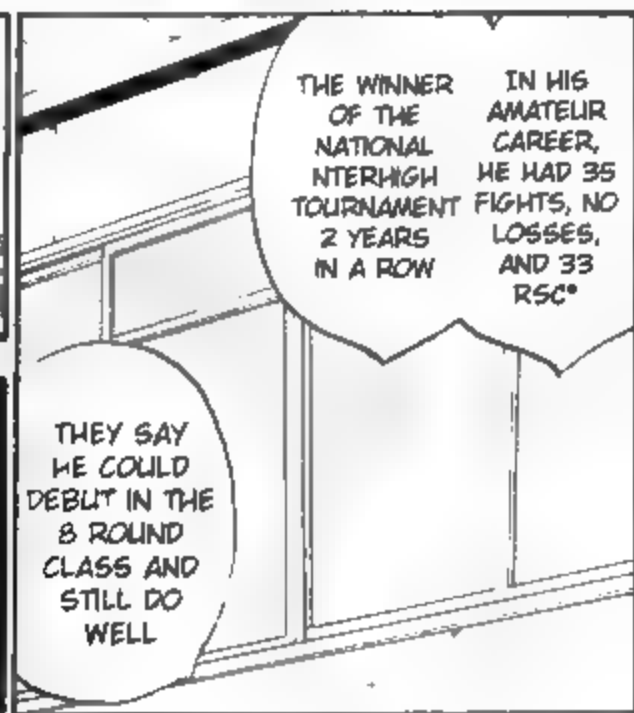
A-
AMAZING

THEN
HE'S EVEN
BETTER
THAN
ITAGAKI



I CAN'T
WALK AWAY
FROM THIS..

HE'S GOT THE
ATMOSPHERE
AROUND HIM
TO PROVE IT

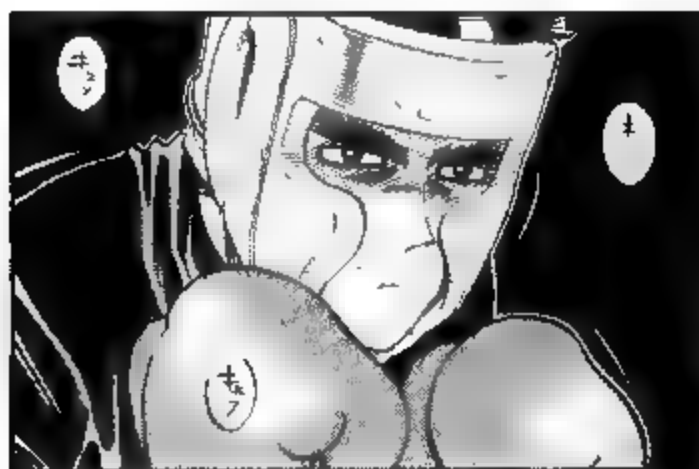


THE WINNER
OF THE
NATIONAL
INTERHIGH
TOURNAMENT
2 YEARS
IN A ROW

IN HIS
AMATEUR
CAREER,
HE HAD 35
FIGHTS, NO
LOSSES,
AND 33
RSC*

THEY SAY
HE COULD
DEBUT IN THE
B ROUND
CLASS AND
STILL DO
WELL

*REFERS TO REFEREE STOPS.
COMPARABLE TO THE PRO'S TKO



I THOUGHT HE'D
TAKE A MORE
AMATEUR STYLE
LIKE TAK'NG
POINTS FROM
JABS

THEN HE
TAKES A
FIGHTER'S
STANCE



FIRST



I SHOULD
SEE WHAT HE
CAN DO



THAT'S
WHAT BEAT
US BEFORE
MAKING
POWER ON
SOMEONE
EAGER
OVER ME

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH YOU
IPPO!!

GET
OFF THE
ROPE,
DARNIT

CATCHING
HIM ISN'T
EASY
EITHER

HE'S A
FIGHTER
WHO PUSHES
THROUGH
BEFORE YOU
HAVE THE
CHANCE TO
ATTACK HIM

THAT
GOT
HIM

YES,
NICE
BODY



H-, HE
RETURNED
IT



IF I
DIDN'T
HAVE
HEAD-
GEAR
ON



HE'S
STRONG!
I WOULD
NEVER
THINK HE
HASN'T
DEBUTED
YET

AFTER HE
GETS MORE
EXPERIENCE
WHAT KIND
OF MAN
WILL HE
BECOME?



AND HE
ISN'T JUST
COPYING
THEM. HE'S
PERSON-
ALIZED
EVERYTHING

THE KID'S
STRONG!



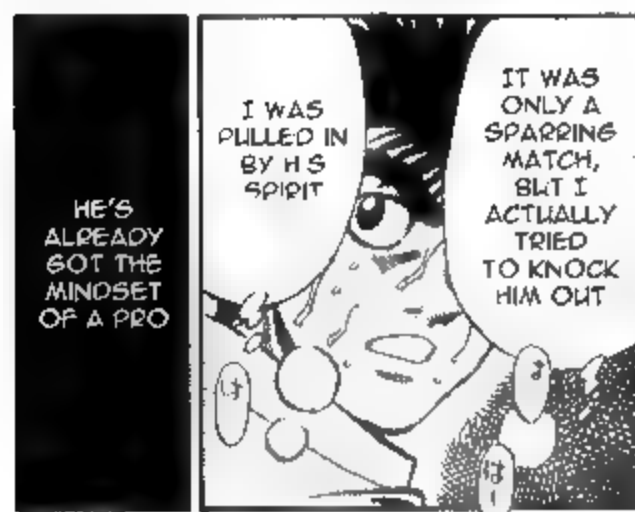
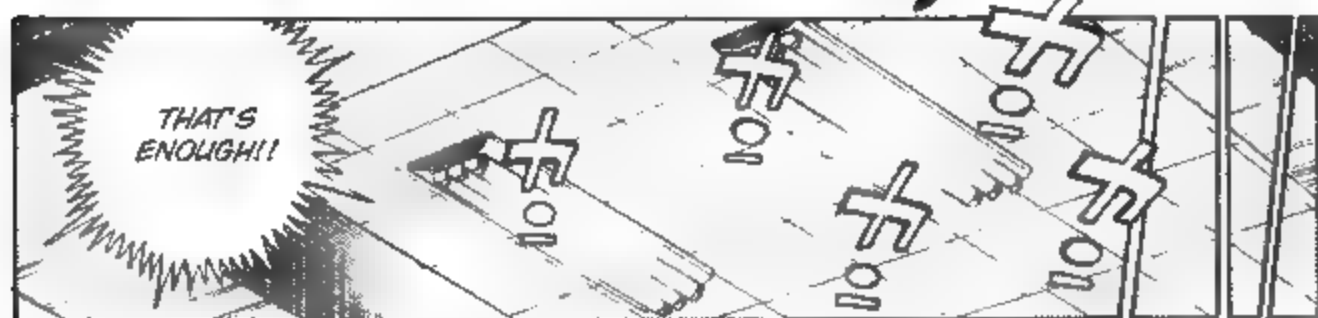
SAYING
THEY'RE
SIMILAR IS
AN UNDER-
STATEMENT



PUSHING
FORWARD,
PRESSURE,
PUNCH
ANGLES,
POWER

I-, I CAN'T
EVEN TELL
WHICH ONE'S
IPPO







HE'S A
GOOD
GOAL!

HE'S THE
CHAMP
FOR A
REASON-
BUT



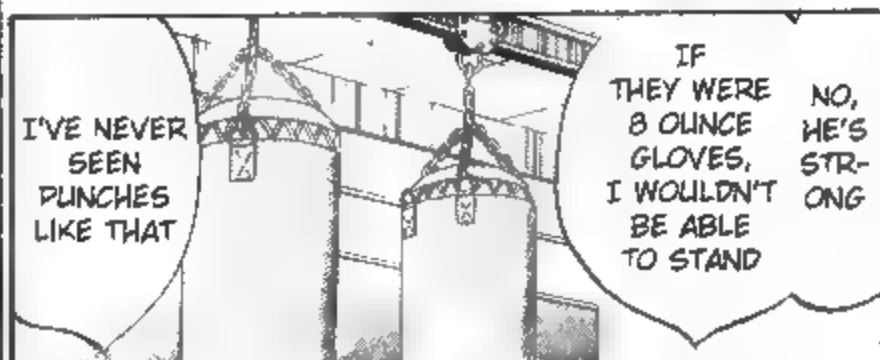
THAT WAS
GREAT,
KYOUSUKE!

LOOK, YOU
GOT THE
CHAMP
SPEECH-
LESS



WERE TO
ADVANCE AND
CHALLENGE FOR
THE TITLE

IF HE



I'VE NEVER
SEEN
PUNCHES
LIKE THAT

IF
THEY WERE
8 OUNCE
GLOVES,
I WOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO STAND

NO,
HE'S
STR-
ONG



OH, YOU
SPARRING?

WE'RE BACK

OOOON



YOU
MUST BE
KIDDING..

SENPAI
PUSHED?



IPPO WAS
PUSHED
AROUND
BY A
NEWBIE

YEAH,
THE SPAR
JUST
ENDED
IT WAS
SOMETHIN'
TO SEE







TO REACHING
MURDOUGH
SAYS TITLE

AND I'LL BE
TAKING THE
SHORTEST
DISTANCE
POSSIBLE



YOU WON'T
BE REACHING
SENPAI

YOU CAN'T
REACH IT



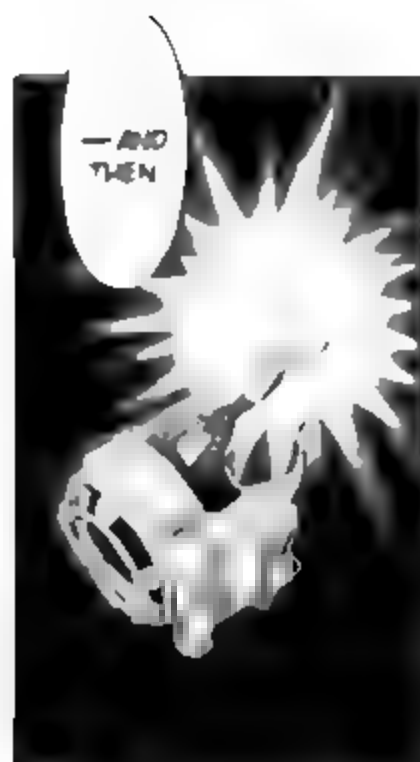
AND THIS TIME
I'LL STOP YOU

I AM HERE









—AND THEN



AND YOU GOT SCARED?

I GUESS IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS SO USED TO SPORTSMEN, AND HE REMINDED ME OF A WARRIOR



MY SUII WAS ON FIRE

IF I COULD BEAT HIM, I'D BE NUMBER 1
MORE LIKE EXCITED



AN OVERWHELMING DEFEAT

WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS LOOKING UP AT THE LIGHTS



BUT NEXT TIME!

WE FOUGHT 3 TIMES IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND EACH WAS MY KO LOSS



YEAH

MAKES SENSE, AFTER SEEING HIM FIGHT IPPO



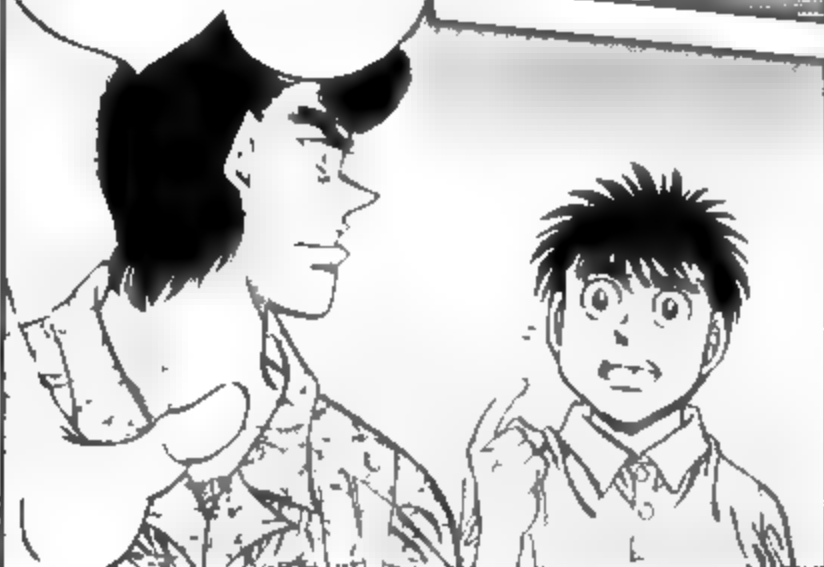
IN THE
PRO RING,
ITAGAKI
OR IMAI,
WHICH WOULD
WIN!?

WE HAVE
A MAN
HERE WHO'S
FOUGHT
BOTH, SO
WHAT DO
YOU THINK?



ITAGAKI-
KUN'S
REALLY
FAST SO

W-
WELL,
LET'S
SEE



IF HE
SENT QUICK
JABS AND
TOOK HIS
DISTANCE



BUT
IMAI-KUN'S
FAST, TOO

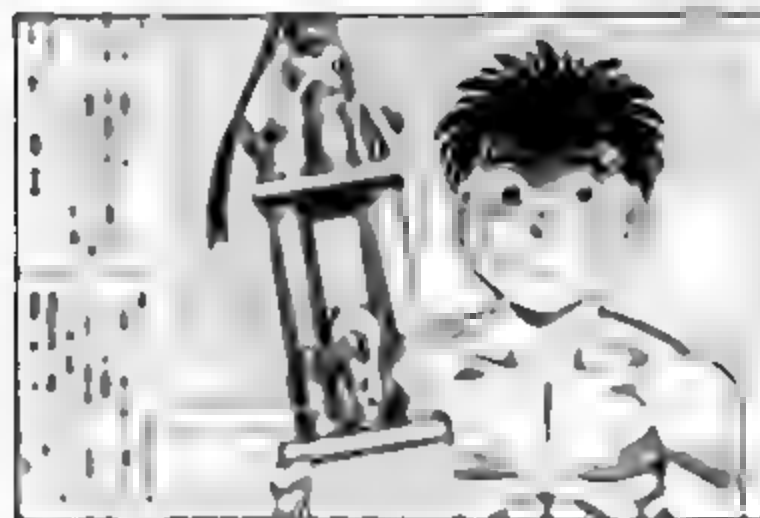


AND HE'S
GOT MORE
POWER...

N-, NO,
BUT STILL,
THAT STEP-
IN'S GOOD







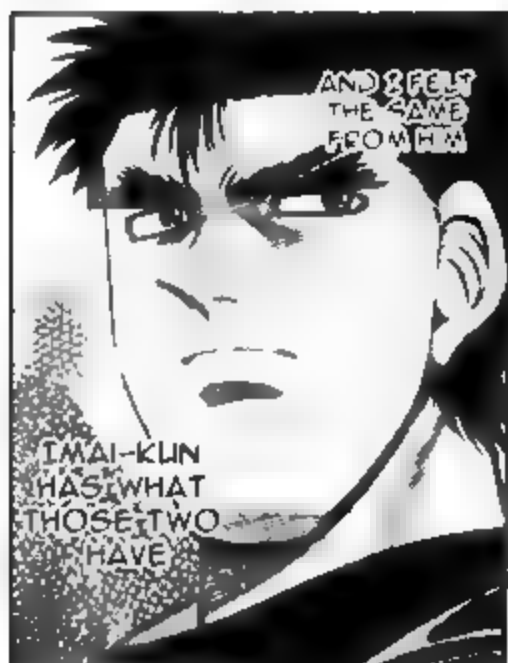
MALE-
YOUNG,
FROM
THE EAST
THINKS THE
ALL-JAPAN
RADIO
LINE
FUTURE-
WORTH
DIRECTION
GIVE





JUST BEING
IN THE SAME
ROOM GAVE
ME GOOSE-
BUMPS

BOTH OF
THEM WERE
OVER-
FLOWING
WITH
BLOODLUST



AND I FELT
THE SAME
FROM HIM

IMAI-KUN
HAS WHAT
THOSE TWO
HAVE



BUT HE'S
MISSING THAT
CERTAIN
SOMETHING

HIS SPEED
AND INTUITION
ARE BOTH
BETTER THAN
IMAI-KUN'S

IF IT'S
JUST HIS
GENERAL
BOXING
SENSE, I
BELIEVE THAT
ITAGAKI-KUN
MAY
STAND A
CHANCE



COMING

IPPO,
PHONE CALL

IT'S
AOKI-KUN

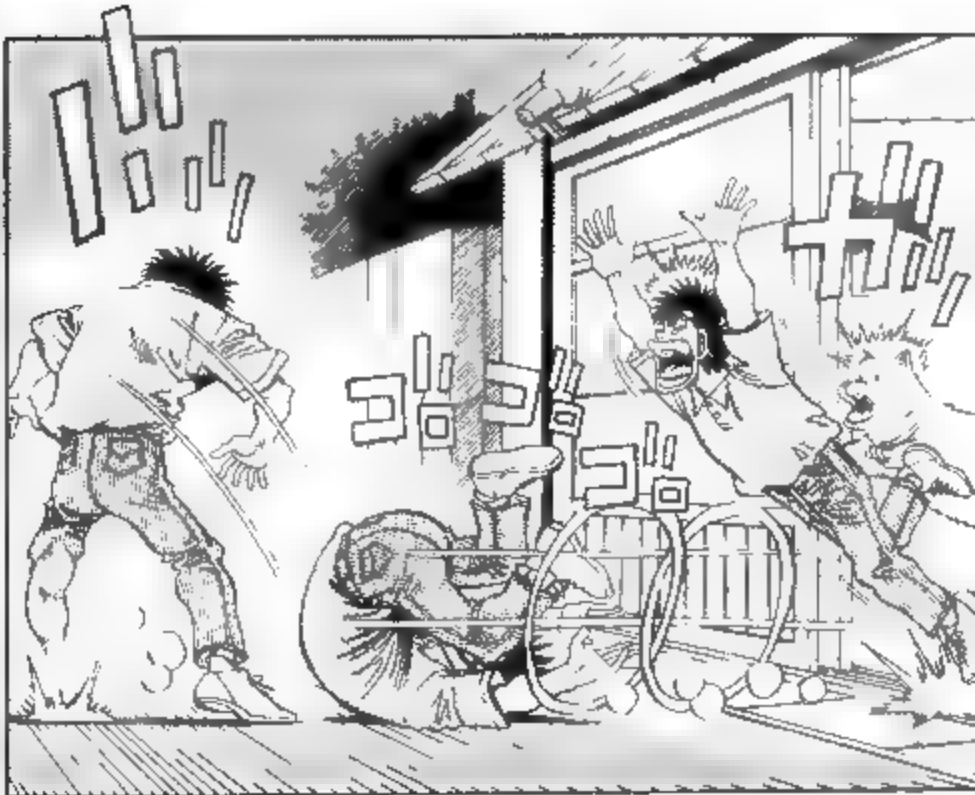
釣り船



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AND WITHOUT IT,
IF THEY MEET IN
THE PRO RING...





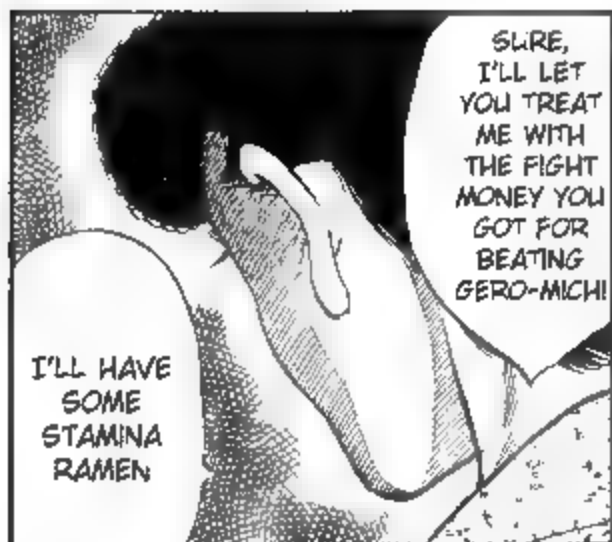
TAKAMURA-SAN'S

WORLD TITLE MATCH!!!

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SURE,
I'LL LET
YOU TREAT
ME WITH
THE FIGHT
MONEY YOU
GOT FOR
BEATING
GERO-MICHI!

I'LL HAVE
SOME
STAMINA
RAMEN



YOU
DON'T
THINK
THIS IS
WEIRD?

HEY
...



AND SUCH
BITING
WORDS
YOU USE



I SEE...
YOU HAVEN'T
ORDERED YET,
THIS ONE'S MY
TREAT!

H-, HUH? YOU
AREN'T AS
HAPPY AS
I'D THINK



THE
CHAMPION'S
MANAGER
JUST CALLED
THE GYM OUT
OF THE BLUE

RIGHT,
IT'S TOO
SUDDEN



I WAS SO
SURPRISED

WEIRD...
IT'S A LITTLE
SUDDEN



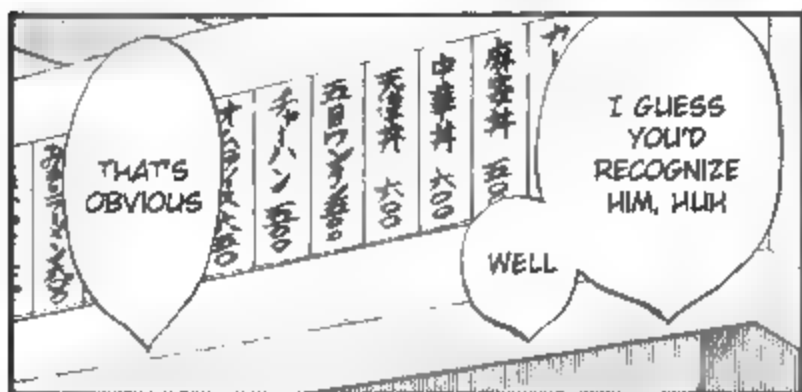
TO THINK YOU
CAN FIGHT
HIM BEFORE
THE END OF
THE YEAR...

DECEMBER!?
WOW!



SAID SOMETHING
ABOUT LETTING US
FIGHT IN A TITLE
MATCH IN DECEMBER







THE TITLE
FIGHT'S
ALREADY
BEGIN

ALL THESE
TRICKS HE'S
SENDING
ARE HIS
STRATEGY

YOU
BET YOUR
ASS I'LL
FIGHT HIM

THE BEST
CHRISTMAS
PRESENT
EVER

I
CAN'T
BACK
DOWN

IN DECEMBER,
HE'LL BE
GIVING ME

WHO
DO YOU
THINK I
AM? **カッ! カッ!**

BELT!!

CHAMPION-
SHIP

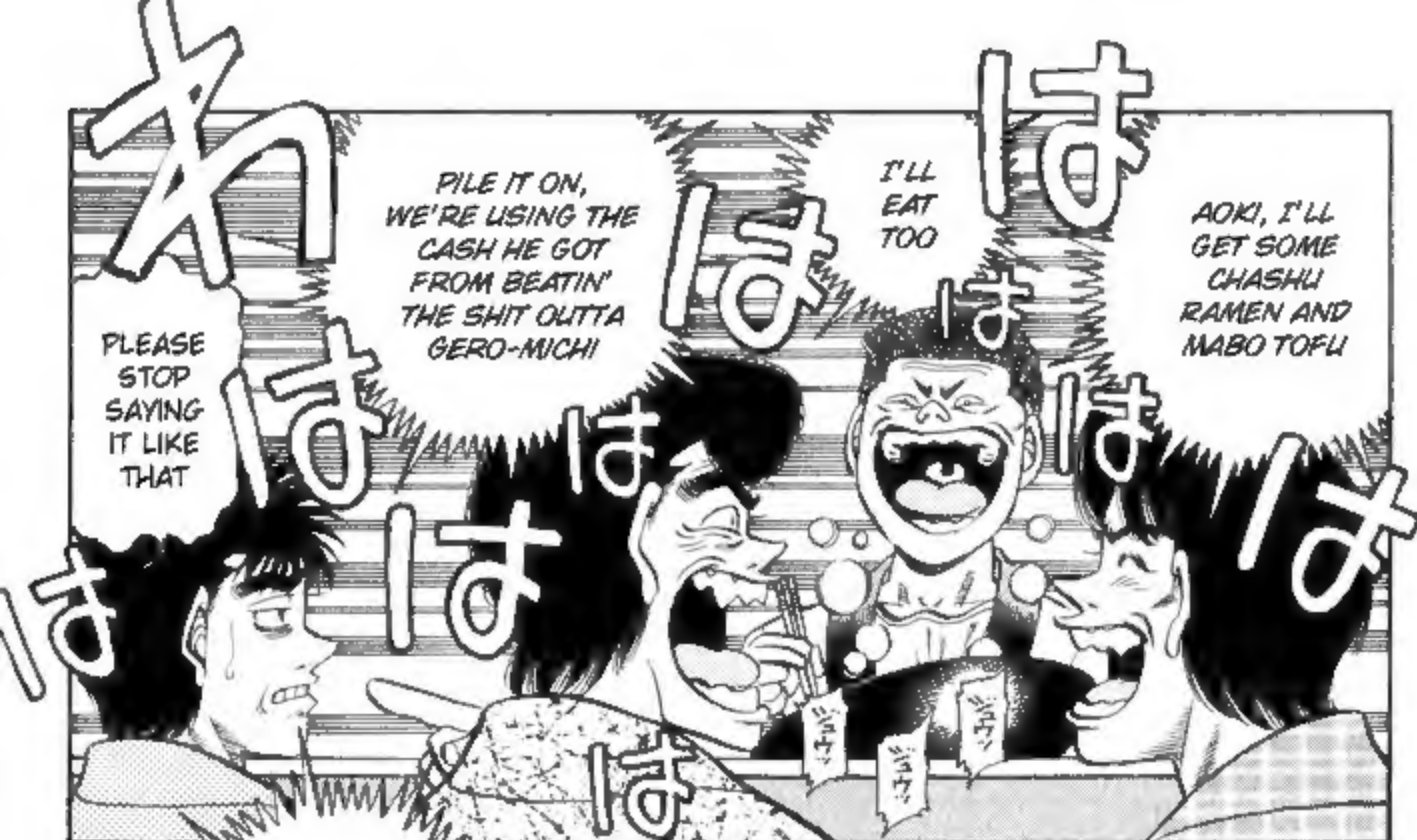
THE
WORLD

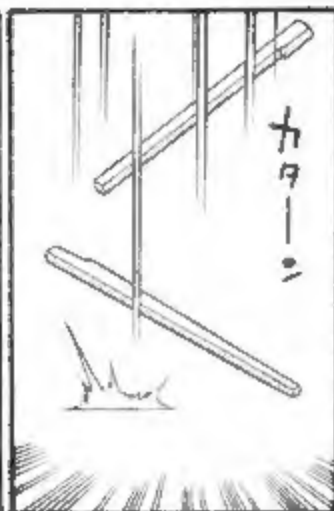
HELL
YEAH!!

NOW LET'S
CELEBRATE!
IPPO'S
TREAT!!

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SMIRK







TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 41

MAKUNOUCHI IPPO'S BOXING Q & A CORNER, PART 2

SAPPORO T-SAN,
HIROSHIMA I-SAN,
KAWASAKI H-SAN,
AND 25 OTHERS
HAVE ASKED
THIS QUESTION

"PLEASE TELL
ME ALL OF THE
PROFESSIONAL
WEIGHT CLASSES"

FOR YOUR
ANSWER,
PLEASE LOOK
AT THE TABLE
TO THE RIGHT

JAPANESE
DON'T GET
MUCH
BIGGER
THAN
MIDDLE-
WEIGHTS,
SO I'M AT
THE VERY
TOP

WE'RE
RIGHT
IN THE
MIDDLE

THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
REMEMBER
17 WEIGHT
CLASSES

CLASS	WEIGHT
STRAW	BELOW 105 POUNDS (47.61 KILO)
J. FLY	105 - 108 POUNDS (48.99 KILO)
FLY	108 - 112 POUNDS (50.80 KILO)
J. BANTAM	112 - 115 POUNDS (52.16 KILO)
BANTAM	115 - 118 POUNDS (53.52 KILO)
J. FEATHER	118 - 122 POUNDS (55.34 KILO)
FEATHER	122 - 126 POUNDS (57.15 KILO)
J. LIGHT	126 - 130 POUNDS (58.97 KILO)
LIGHT	130 - 135 POUNDS (61.23 KILO)
J. WELTER	135 - 140 POUNDS (63.50 KILO)
WELTER	140 - 147 POUNDS (66.68 KILO)
J. MIDDLE	147 - 154 POUNDS (69.68 KILO)
MIDDLE	154 - 160 POUNDS (72.57 KILO)
SUPER MIDDLE	160 - 168 POUNDS (72.57 KILO)
LIGHT HEAVY	168 - 175 POUNDS (79.38 KILO)
CRUISER	175 - 190 POUNDS (86.00 KILO)
HEAVY	ABOVE 190 POUNDS (84.36 KILO)

Morikawa Sensei's Bonus Talk

'POUND-FOR-POUND, WHICH FIGHTER IN THE IPPO UNIVERSE IS THE VERY STRONGEST?' IS A QUESTION I GET ASKED QUITE A BIT.

IN THE IPPO WORLD, TAKAMURA IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE STRONGEST POUND FOR POUND FIGHTER. NUMBER 2 WOULD BE RICARDO MARTINEZ. AS FOR 3, MAYBE MIYATA. IPPO'S GOT A LONG WAY TO GO, SO HE RANKS AROUND 8TH. THIS IS JUST A GUESS, BUT I BELIEVE THAT RIGHT NOW I'M A JUNIOR BANTAM.

WITH MY CURRENT WEIGHT, I SEEM TO BE ABLE TO PULL ALL-NIGHTERS EASILY, AND GET IDEAS MORE QUICKLY, SO THIS MAY BE MY BEST WEIGHT, SO I'LL DO MY BEST ON WEIGHT MANAGEMENT (?).

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森川ジョージ
(MORIKAWA JOJOJI)